

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON
Rivers of Illinois Coordinating Council
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
June 23rd, 2021

A present majority of filled voting-member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 11 members present					
Position	Sub- Council	Name	Present	Phone	Absent
Ex-Officio (voting members)					
Chair (LG's Office)	All	Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton		X	
Dept. of Agriculture	All	Brian Rennecker		X	
	All	Kristi Jones			x
Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	All	Wendy Bell		X	
Environmental Protection Agency	All	Christine Davis		X	
Dept. of Natural Resources	All	Steve Altman		X	
	All	Kevin Irons			
	All	Mindy Barnett		X	
Dept. of Transportation	All	Thomas Brooks		X	
	All	BJ Murray			x
National Great River Research and Education Center	MRCC	Ted Kratschmer		X	
Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts	All	Pending			x
Community & Nonprofit Rep. (voting members)					
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Doug Blodgett		X	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Danielle Anderson		x	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Matthew Stafford		X	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Darren Melvin			x
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Allen LaPointe		X	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Nani Bhowmik			x
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending			
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending			
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	WORCC	Jason McNeill			x

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Community & Nonprofit Mem.	WORCC	Tyrone Coleman			x
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	WORCC	Gordon Tucker			x
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	MRCC	Lindsay Keeney		x	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	MRCC	Brett Stawar			x
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending			
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	MRCC	Wendell Shauman			x
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending			
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending			
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Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending			
Ex-Officio (non-voting member)					
Ex-Officio (non-member)		Pending			
Recurring Guests					
Guest		Konstantine "Dean" Alonistiotis			x
Guest		Nicole Saulsberry		X	
Guest		Anna-Lisa Castle			x
Guest		Robert Sinkler		X	
Guest		Bradford Kasberg			x
Guest		Laura Keefer			x
Guest		Lauren Lurkins			x
Guest		Paul Rhode		x	

**Note: grey cells indicate that multiple representatives were designated by ex-officios to the Committee. Only one staffer out of each group of grey cells counted for quorum, motion, and voting purposes.*

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
 - a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order 10:05 AM
 - b. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established
- II. Approval of Agenda for 6/23/21 and Minutes from 3/3/21**
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for 3/3/21
 - i. Moved by Doug Blodgett
 - ii. Seconded by Nicole Saulsberry
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions
 - b. Motion to approve the minutes for 3/3/21
 - i. Moved by Mindy Barnett
 - ii. Seconded by Doug Blodgett
 - iii. No oppositions
 - iv. No abstentions
- III. Chairperson's Remarks**
 - a. Lt. Governor Stratton provided a brief overview of the day's meeting and went over upcoming Council-related events
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Steve Altman, Chair of the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee, presents on Public Bodies of Water in Illinois & Opportunities for Recreation
 - i. Questions
 1. Lt. Governor thanks Steve and notes her appreciation for the final slides of the presentation particularly
 2. Nicole Saulsberry inquires on the directory of private entities of water
 - a. Steve Altman responds about efforts to compile this information
 - ii. Lt. Governor asks about how we communicate about public bodies of water so people know that they are open for
 1. Steve Altman discusses the different ways the state communicates about public bodies of water, through directories, advertisements and other informational campaigns
 - b. Committee Updates
 - i. Mindy Barnett provides an update on behalf of the Asian Carp and other Invasive Species committee, notes that work around BeAHero TransportZero, the Invasive Species council, and carp rebranding are continuing to progress
 1. Nicole Saulsberry asks about involvement of the committee and updates on Brandon Road Loch and Dam

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- a. Mindy explains that her co-chair, Kevin Irons, is there at the moment and that the project is ongoing
2. Christine Davis discusses Carp reinvestments and efforts around that
 - ii. Steve Altman and Christine Davis provide an update on behalf of the Economic Development and Infrastructure committee, elaborating that the flood resource guide has been submitted, there have been ongoing conversations regarding infrastructure and what it is consisted of, and that there have been efforts to continue supporting local communities through grants
 - iii. Nicole Saulsberry provides an update on behalf of the Conservation and Environmental Committee, notes that the committee is continuing to uplift existing organizations and campaigns working on conservation and environmental issues, including meeting with the City of Decatur to discuss their watershed

V. Member Updates

- a. Nicole Saulsberry discusses her work around HB3190 and the importance of having the Governor's sign off on it
 - i. Lt. Governor Stratton thanks her for her advocacy and notes her staff will look into the matter
- b. Lindsay Keeney notes that the Illinois Environmental Council is holding stakeholder meetings to discuss the spending of new federal funds

VI. Public Comments

- a. No public comments

VII. Adjournment

- a. Moved by Nicole Saulsberry
- b. No oppositions
- c. No abstentions
- d. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM.