

**MINUTES  
METRO PEORIA AD-HOC COMMITTEE  
July 9, 2014  
2:30 PM**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Mary Ardapple Michael Phelan	Ryan Spain W. Eric Turner
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Andrew Rand Timothy Rigggenbach	
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	Brad Harding, County Board Carol Trumpe, County Board Cheryl Budzinski, League of Women Voters Chris Setti, Assistant City Manager David Stead, Resource Recycling Systems ( <i>via telephone</i> ) Jeff Gilles, County Highway John Hamann, County Rural Economic Dev. Director	Karen Raithel, County Recycling & Resource Conservation Kate Van Beek, Assistant County Administrator Lori Curtis Luther, County Administrator Patrick Urich, City Manager Phil Salzer, County Board Scott Reeise, City Engineer Sharon Williams, County Board Tim Cunningham, Caterpillar

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phelan at 2:35 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014, meeting was made by Member Turner; seconded by Member Ardapple. The motion was approved unanimously.

**DISCUSSION**

**Flying Fish Festival - Regional Economic Development**

Ms. Williams stated that 20 teams are currently signed up for the Bow Fishing tournament, and she foresees an additional 10-15 teams participating by the day of the festival. She also noted that several of the teams are from out of town, which provides a boost to the local economy. She noted that, as the river level is high, the fish are not as active, and Staff will provide pointers on successful areas for fishing. She advised that the national press will be present on the Friday before the festival.

Ms. Williams advised that one of the options being investigated as a solution to the overabundance of Asian Carp is the development of a local processing plant, which would not only create jobs, but create jobs with fisherman on the river. Ms. Curtis Luther advised that the County has been contacted and is working actively with several different companies. Mr. Hamann noted that a few of the companies are interested in producing fertilizer, with others interested in human consumption product. He stated

that there are many products that can be derived from the fish, and an interested local investment group is attempting to determine a way to utilize the entire fish. Mr. Spain asked the potential cost of the project, and Mr. Hamann advised it would be in the range of \$5 - \$10 million.

Ms. Williams also noted that the tournament coordinator, who also organizes bowfishing tours, believes that this area could capitalize on the increased popularity of the sport as the situation on the Illinois River becomes more prominent.

Mr. Hamann summarized additional festival activities, including electronic games and chef demonstrations and samples.

Overview of Draft Resource Management Plan

Mr. Stead presented an overview of the proposed 20 year Resource Management Plan for Peoria County. He stated that an Advisory Committee developed goals and specified objectives. He remarked that the Key Principals of Success as defined by the Committee are:

- Develop a Collaborative Partnership with Local Municipalities in Peoria County, and eventually other counties
- Provide Single Stream Curbside Recycling to All Residents in Peoria County over the next 20 years
- Capture of Economic Benefits of Recycling through Sale of Recycled Commodities
- Control Collection Costs through Performance-Based Contracting

Mr. Stead stated that data compiled for 2010 indicates that there was approximately 400,000 tons of material generated in the County, 46% of which was residential and 54% industrial/commercial/institutional. The commercial recycling rate was fairly high, while the residential recycling rate was low. He noted that the Plan recommends a strong emphasis on residential recycling, in order to bring it to comparable commercial recycling levels. He added that this emphasis was one of the key driving metrics that lead the Committee to several of their planning recommendations. The Plan sets 5 and 10 year goals for both commercial and residential recycling waste diversion, with the goals being re-evaluated in 10 years.

Mr. Stead remarked that the Resource Management Plan identifies ways for Peoria County to move towards higher diversion rates, including: developing intergovernmental agreements with the City of Peoria and partnerships with other municipalities, increasing single-family residential rates, implementation of multi-family single stream recycling, improving the commercial program and moving it to single stream recycling, development of a countywide commercial recycling plan and evaluation of a use fee based waste collection program.

Mr. Stead advised that intergovernmental discussions over the next several years will be driven by the contracting timeline of the City of Peoria, which has contract renewal in 2017 and a contract re-bid in 2020. He noted that it is anticipated that the new landfill agreement with PDC will go into effect in 2020 as well, so timing the discussions over the next five years is a key step that has been laid out in the Plan.

Mr. Spain commented that the City of Peoria has increased participation in recycling, but is not maximizing the volumes that are being recycled, and he remarked that leveraging recycling streams and participating in revenue sharing agreements will be an opportunity and asset to all communities within Peoria County. Mr. Stead stated that regional partnership discussion and development of performance based services will be key over the next several quarters moving towards 2017.

Ms. Ardapple asked if there have been stop-gap checks built into the first five years of the Plan to ensure that the desired results are being produced. Ms. Raithel advised that the Plan includes goals for the first 2-5 years in order to provide groundwork for further implementation of goals and objectives. Mr. Stead added that the Plan includes a timeline identifying key objectives for the initial 5 year period.

Ms. Curtis Luther advised that a LISC intern is working on a business plan for demolition projects, specifically smaller home demolition. The plan will include a cost benefit analysis on demolishing and saving the majority of the product. Ms. Ardapple stated that food waste diversion, along with construction materials, has the most impact on the landfills. She expressed interest in what potential incentives the City and surrounding communities could provide business owners to increase their recycling.

Mr. Spain requested information on the current contract cycles of the larger communities within Peoria County, and Ms. Raithel advised that she would provide the requested material.

Update on Orange Prairie Road Extension

Mr. Reeise advised that the first two stages of the extension are completed. He stated that the extension currently runs to just north of Wood Sage, where Peoria Parkway will eventually tie-in. The final stage will continue from that point north to Illinois Route 91 and Grange Hall Road, creating a "cross" intersection as opposed to the current curve. He said that construction on the final stage was somewhat delayed due to right-of-way issues, with work beginning the last week of June. He advised that there was some interest in expediting the schedule on the project for development off of Orange Prairie Road; developers near Grand Prairie Mall have indicated that if the road is connected to Route 91 this year that they would move forward on development. Discussions ensued with the County Highway Department and Dunlap School District regarding extension of the closure time of Grange Hall Road in order to construction the entire intersection this year. All parties were agreeable, and Grange Hall Road will be closed from June 15,

2014 to late November 2014, which will enable construction of the "cross" intersection at Grange Hall Road and Orange Prairie Road, and tie in the new extension to Route 91. He stated in 2015, Illinois Route 91 will be closed in order to construct a permanent tie-in, with a detour on the new Orange Prairie Road.

Emergency Management Cooperation

Ms. Curtis Luther advised that Peoria County's Emergency Management Department has a group of volunteer divers, providing service on-call. She stated that the dive team recently experienced an equipment failure, and the Peoria Fire Chief and Mr. Urich have agreed to provide assistance in order to avoid any gaps in service. She stated that all divers have been notified and all agencies that have the service on-call have been contacted.

Ms. Curtis Luther stated that this situation has also provided the County with the opportunity to review the management of the program and to evaluate best options moving forward. She noted that there has been increased coordination and cooperative effort with the City since the appointment of Mr. Hamann as Interim EMA Director, and anticipates this to continue with this effort.

2014-2015 Project Prioritization and Work Plan

Ms. Curtis Luther advised that monthly coordination meetings are held with the Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, the City Manager and herself to review the agenda, and in those meetings it was determined that expectations for and prioritization of specific projects should be a primary focus. She requested that Committee members consider the different topic areas covered and how to summarize those into a few core areas for highest priority over the next 12 months.

Ms. Curtis Luther recommended that the Resource Management Plan and implementation strategies, and how to work cooperatively via intergovernmental agreements and regional partnerships be on the priority list, as well as Emergency Management cooperation. She also noted that past agendas will be reviewed and Staff will provide a draft document with additional suggestions for consideration at the July meeting. She asked that any suggestions from Committee members be forwarded to Mr. Urich or her, for inclusion in the draft. Mr. Phelan requested that Committee identify 4-5 important tasks to accomplish over the next 1-2 years. He reiterated that he and the Vice-Chair, along with Ms. Curtis Luther and Mr. Urich, will continue to meet monthly to assist in shaping the agenda.

Ms. Ardapple noted the Health Department's healthy communities objectives, including curbing diabetes and obesity, and how those dovetail into local food economy development, a topic which both the City and County have been working on within the last year.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Large Event Permit for both Jurisdictions*, Draft regulations will be prepared by City and County staff for review by their respective organizations.

*Joint Buy Local Campaign*

*Discussion of Revised IGA - Springdale Cemetery*, Discussions are currently being held at the County Committee level

*City-County Legislative Initiatives*, Updates will continue when legislature is in session

*Fiscal Agent Responsibilities for Election Commission - Draft IGA*

*City-County Road Agreement*, Only outstanding issue is determining a funding stream

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Spain thanked Peoria County, on behalf of the City and the City County, for the use of its County Boardroom to hold City Council meetings for the next several months.

Mr. Harding addressed the Committee regarding his concern over the loss of the Peoria County Dive Team. He asked if the interruption in County service will be temporary or permanent, and Mr. Phelan stated that no decision has been made, and the topic was brought to this Committee for informational purposes and discussion only.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Phelan at 3:45 PM.