

Draft Minutes of May 27, 2014
Barrington Area Council of Governments - Executive Board Meeting
Held at the Barrington Hills Village Hall
7:00 PM

Members Present: Bob Kellermann – Deer Park; Martin McLaughlin – Barrington Hills; Al Pino – North Barrington; Paula McCombie – South Barrington; Dave Nelson – Cuba Township; Karen Darch –Barrington; Gene Dawson – Barrington Township

Others Present: Carol Rolfs – Treasurer; Bridget O’Shea – Barrington Courier; Brian Battle – CUSD 220; Emily Plagman – Senior Planner, CMAP

Staff: Janet Agnoletti – Executive Director; Carol McLuckie – Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairperson McCombie. Roll call was taken – all members were present except for Tower Lakes and Lake Barrington. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes

Nelson made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes which were included in the packet, this was seconded by Kellerman. This motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report

Carol Rolfs presented the treasurers report, which was included in the packet. There were no unusual payments this month. Motion was made to approve the treasurers report by Nelson and seconded by Darch, with no discussion. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Comments / Community Reports

P. Denise Israel, Regional Atypical Recycling

Israel spoke about the atypical recycling opportunities available to Lake County. She is the Chairman of the Heritage and Environs Committee for the Village of Barrington Hills. Her group is trying to inspire the community to do supportive things. Right now they are trying to recycle things that are major contributors to landfills, such as styrofoam, textiles, shoes and boots. Under SWALCO’s jurisdiction, they are partnering to try to encourage every village or township to host bins that would allow people to do this. The Village of Barrington Hills is currently doing this for shoes, boots and Styrofoam and will be adding a textile bin soon. Textiles would be anything from rugs, ruined clothing, and nice clothing. It all has value somewhere in the world. It can be sold by container load abroad. Chicago Textile recycling is offering cash back for this. This could be good for schools they could do a textile drive as a fundraiser. The bin is a presentable, white, 7’T x 4 ½’W bin, animal proof and will say SWALCO and Chicago Textile on it and anything else desired. They will pick up the textiles and shoes as often as preferred. Up until now there has been no source to densify Styrofoam, which is necessary to repurpose it. McHenry County Defenders has a volunteer whose company is a logistics company, who is so passionate about Styrofoam that he purchased the machine to densify it and is willing to take all our Styrofoam. The densifier reduces it down by taking the air from it to make it useable again. He has customers and he will take anything except peanuts, which would go to UPS or the local

postal service, any color or size. They are working with the Styrofoam representative to set up a pick-up schedule. She would be happy to help the members in any way she can. She can help them obtain the bins or they could obtain them directly from SWALCO. SWANCC has an agreement with SWALCO, so there is no conflict with other counties participating. There was some discussion about the opportunity for St. Anne's to benefit. Overall positive interest was expressed.

Brian Battle, School Board:

Battle gave an update on various items of interest. There has been interest in what will be done with the land donated by the Wambers to Barrington High School. There have been several ideas generated, from athletic playing fields to a performing arts center. They will begin processing the ideas over the summer and next fall. There has been a lot of talk over the process the school district uses to monitor class size enrollment, there has been the feeling the school board is trying to increase class size, they are not, they may actually even be slightly smaller. This will be the first year in many that they will have some empty classrooms, due to lower enrollment. They received a \$225,000 grant from the state to improve school safety, and are currently putting together some projects to utilize those funds. One thing they are looking at is a certain kind of window. High School Graduation is this Friday, all are welcome. They have a school board meeting Thursday morning where they hope to sign a three year teacher contract extension. They also plan to accept Dr. Leonard's resignation and announce the new Superintendent.

**Invited Guest: Emily Plagman, Senior Planner, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Presentation: Climate Adaptations Guidebook / Barrington Area Bikeways Plan**

Every year CMAP has a state and regionally funded technical assistance program that municipalities can apply for. If they are selected they are assigned a full-time staff member at no cost to them to assist them in their planning. Last year they accepted a bikeway feasibility study in northwest Cook and Kane counties, which is one of the topics tonight. They are working with Barrington, Barrington Hills, South Barrington, East Dundee, Carpentersville and Algonquin. She noted that Agnoletti is on this steering committee and CMAP wants input from the communities to go through the steering committee and councils of governments. Final Recommendations will be made in April of next year. If your communities have a bike plan please apply to be included. This would include bike paths, and walking paths and is for planning purposes. This is just an example of what they can do with their technical assistance program.

She handed out an Adaptation Resource Guidebook that CMAP recently developed, a resource for construction projects. It looks at infrastructure impacted by significant weather, and makes recommendations this would be things like extreme cold, extreme rainfall, air quality.

Agnoletti reiterated the June deadline for the LTAP grant program and how it could be of value to our communities. The board would like to know who will be on the steering committee for the different municipalities. A postcard was handed out referencing the laundry list of items that members could apply for planning help on with the LTAP program and the implementation process. Agnoletti handed out her summary of the LTAP eligible project areas that BACOG communities might be interested in with application information. She clarified that the LTAP grant program is for planning, not project implementation.

Groundwater Program

Groundwater Monitoring Program – Status Report

Agnoletti stated that all the contracts are in place and ready for approval, and the USGS and KOTECI and are on the villages' agendas. They grant access to our consultants and USGS; another agreement is between BACOG and ISGS to allow access for taking manual measurements of all 17 wells in our area, this will start in June or July and will follow with a baseline report and then the installation of the monitoring equipment by USGS.

Northwest Water Planning Alliance (Leitner)

Darch noted the letter from Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner in the packet recommending again that municipalities adopt a Regional Lawn Watering Conservation Ordinance. Barrington and Tower Lakes have already adopted similar ordinances, and it is suggested that non-municipal water suppliers encourage their residents to follow the provisions of such an ordinance voluntarily. There was a presentation at the last NWPA meeting from Tim Loftus of CMAP. He has been invited to speak at the BACOG Board meeting on August 26th and NWMC members will be invited to attend. The board agreed to this arrangement.

Proposed Calendar of Board Meetings FY 2013-14

Enclosed in the packet is the proposed calendar for next year's board meetings. We still need to hear from about half of the board as to whether the dates that were selected will work. Also included is the proposal to make Bob Kellerman, President and Marty McLaughlin Vice President of the Board for next year. Also, Carol McLuckie and Carol Rolfs as secretary and treasurer respectively.

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee reported that they have reached agreement on the slate of officers to be nominated for FY2014-15. The nominees will be contacted for their agreement before the June board meeting when the election will take place.

Resolution 14-02, Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement to Acquire GIS Data from Cook County

Cook County requires the entity requesting data to pass a resolution. This would be to provide updated parcel data for BACOG's GIS system. On a motion by Dawson and second by Darch, Resolution 14-02 was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

Legislative Committee

Dawson summed up the legislative outlook, saying the Illinois legislature is looking for money wherever they can find it and unfortunately it is coming from Local Governments. The good news is that BACOG officials have good relationships with State legislators and are effective in our legislative activities. Dawson commended the individuals who went to Springfield for the lobby days in support of BACOG's legislative agenda.

Summer Tour for State Officials – Transportation and Economic Development Projects

BACOG officials met with IEPA, IDOT and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity at the BACOG spring session lobby days. A summer tour would be a rescheduling of a tour that was planned for last fall, but was postponed due to state officials' scheduling

conflicts. Our Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental projects will be presented to make state administrative officials aware of the projects we are working on. Some dates were brought up and it was narrowed down to July 7th thru 10th. Darch asked about process for grant funding and how the tour fit with that. Agnoletti said that it has been indicated that it would be a benefit for the state officials to be more familiar with the projects, even as we go through the local process. She said state officials said showing regional benefit is helpful to a project getting funded. Dawson added that It is commendable for BACOG to be developing this relationship.

Emergency Management

Agnoletti has reached out to Kent McKenzie several times for the summary report that was promised following the derecho table top presentation. She has not received a report or a response from him at this point.

Consideration of FY 2014-15 Executive Board Priorities

Agnoletti passed out a copy of the priorities that had been developed for the current year. The board ranked the 7 major categories of legislative, groundwater, land use, etc. The process will start again this summer. Agnoletti asked if everyone felt that the online process worked well last year and if board members wanted their boards to be more involved in the process this year, and she asked how each member handled getting input from their boards. Kellerman said he needed to know the approved budget prior to working on priorities. McCombie stated that most of the budget, exception of salaries, had already been approved so ranking priorities would not be dependent on budget approval. Kellerman felt that you cannot determine a budget until you have salaries determined, therefore if there is no budget, you cannot determine priorities. It was asked if his priorities would change based on the monetary value of the budget. He said he did not think it would.

Kellerman then reviewed a salary survey with eight organizations' positions and their salaries and benefits. He read off salaries from \$113,000 to \$231,000 for Northwest Municipal Conference, Southwest Municipal Conference, DuPage MMC, IML, Will County Governmental League, and South Suburban MMC. There was discussion on the information's relevance, where it came from, the timing of BACOG's survey, and that the consultant would be considering this exact information or similar information. Members commented that the board had stated in its April discussion that the budget could be approved and amended at a later date to reflect changes to salaries based on the BACOG consultant's salary survey including retroactively making changes. Dawson questioned why Kellerman was asking why the information had not been distributed if no one else had the information but him; Agnoletti said she did not have that information either.

Conversation returned to the topic of priorities. Nelson summed up that some will bring it to their boards for discussion and some already know what their boards want and they don't want to add more to the village or township agendas. Agnoletti thanked him and said that because she gets calls from trustees from time to time about what might be good projects for BACOG, her goal was to make sure the full village and township boards have the opportunity for input to setting BACOG's work agenda.

Consideration of Approval of FY 2014-15 BACOG Budget

Pino made a motion to table the budget approval until the June board meeting. Kellerman seconded the motion. All present voted in favor by voice vote. McCombie asked members to please make themselves available to the consultant who is doing the survey when she calls.

Consideration of Approval of Salary Survey

Pino moved and McLaughlin seconded a motion to approve moving forward with the salary survey at the cost reviewed previously; all present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Chairman's Recognition on Donald P. Klein Program

McCombie felt that since we ask the volunteers to work for free as Judges of the Klein Award Program, it would be nice if we could invite them and cover their meal at the BACOG annual dinner. There was a motion, so moved, seconded. This was passed with a roll call vote. All present voted yes.

Recognition of Water Resource Volunteers at June Board Meeting

Agnoletti stated that the Water Resources Committee has been active since 2001 and that these volunteers have never been recognized for their work. She is asking that BACOG and the board recognize these people, past and present, at the next board meeting and a small gift. The money which was previously approved has already been set aside in the budget for this purchase. It was suggested that the board meet earlier for a small reception. The reception would start at 6:30 and business would start at 7:00 pm. Agnoletti mentioned that the bulk purchase of token gifts would also be used for guest presenters, legislators, and others as a token of appreciation over the next 2-3 years. It was decided that Agnoletti will determine where to draw the line as to who will be invited and presented with a gift.

Donald P. Klein Award

McCombie discussed her memo that requested the board approve a change to the Donald P. Klein award program, whereby the three members of the Judging Committee would be invited to the BACOG Member Dinner as guests and be recognized for their contribution to the program. The cost of providing dinner to three guests would be approximately \$150 every other year. On a motion by Nelson and second by Pino, the board voted unanimously to approve the change.

Director's Report

Agnoletti will go to the North Barrington, Lake Barrington and Deer Park village board meetings regarding the groundwater access agreements. A summer intern started today from Illinois State University and will receive a \$400 stipend for 8 weeks of full time work. She noted Cook County Commissioner Schneider's fishing event and will send the flyer electronically. She covered legislation. There was a public safety pension reform proposal submitted by Representative Link; the proposal has very little substance to it. The Pension Coalition has issued a statement in response to this which will be attached to the monthly directors report. The responsible bidder bill is back; it prevents using public money for small local contractors on construction projects. Bills that were neutralized or not moving are the township tax freeze and administrative adjudication. Fire District consolidation has been negotiated and municipalities can become exempt. Two bad revenue bills are probably dead. More information will be in the monthly report.

Presidents and Supervisors Reports

Nelson: No report.

Kellerman: He will share his budget info with the board if they are interested the week after next. He said it is good comparative information. He said his manager will make copies for everyone at BACOG.

Dawson: Addressed McLaughlin and complimented Israel and her group. Addressed that people came together to help address the PACE bus service. Having the signed contract is huge as it was getting too difficult for the two townships to manage.

McCombie: Still working on the addition and renovation of the village hall. They have a new police chief and are now looking for a new building inspector, both due to retirement.

McLaughlin: Legacy issues have been lending themselves to very long board meetings. Have been discussing fireworks location for 4th of July between Barrington Hills and Barrington.

Pino: They have a bike plan for south of Route 22 to Old Barrington Road, working with IDOT. There is also the expansion of Route 22. He went to the park committee meeting last month and they would like a structure as well. A federal investigator called about an application for a gun permit to sell firearms out of a home next to a club. There are numerous ordinances against that in North Barrington.

Darch: The White House project is moving along. The Sesquicentennial project included an event in the white house similar to the antiques road show with people bringing in old documents and photos to scan; as a result of event, village received a number of substantial donations toward the renovation. There are salary ranges with steps posted on line for all of Barrington's department heads.

Kellerman noted Lake Zurich is discussing video gaming and the large revenues that generates. He also said there is no interest from residents in Deer Park for video gaming.

On a motion by Nelson and second by Darch, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Submitted by Carol McLuckie, Administrative Assistant