



**Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network
Board of Directors Meeting
October 28, 2010
East Peoria, IL
12:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Bob Scott, City of Danville, Region 7 Board Member
Tony Torres, Village of Bolingbrook, Region 3 Board Member
Chris Isbell, Stephenson County, President
Ken Miller, Village of Mundelein, Vice President
Bob Tyler, City of Peoria, Region 6 Board Member
Geno Koehler, IDOT
Walter Burnett, City of Macomb, Region 6 Board Member
Betty Harrison, Village of Lake Zurich, Region 4 Board Member
Barb Stiehl, City of Urbana, Secretary/Treasurer
Sharie Tinsley, IDPH
Don Wenzel, City of Rolling Meadows, Region 4 Board Member
Richard Westmoreland, City of Moline, Region 2 Board Member
Tammy Bennett, Foth
Denise Ihrig, City of Freeport, Region 2 Board Member

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Isbell at 12:31 p.m.

B. Roll Call/Introductions:

Roll was called. Chris Isbell introduced Denise Ihrig from the City of Freeport, who was approved as Region 2 Board Member at the September meeting of the Board of Directors.

C. Call Center Agreement:

Discussion occurred regarding the proposals for a call center from JULIE and SEECOM.

Chris Isbell recommended that a letter of intent be drafted to enter into an agreement with SEECOM to serve as a call center for IPWMAN for a three-year period with the option of 2 one-year extensions.

Walter Burnett moved to enter into an agreement with SEECOM.

Don Wenzel seconded the motion.

Tony Torres abstained from voting.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Vacancies:

Chris Isbell reported that Ken Miller submitted his resignation as Vice-President of IPWMAN effective December 31, 2010 as Mr. Miller will be retiring from the Village of Mundelein. Mr. Isbell thanked Mr. Miller for his contributions to IPWMAN.

Bob Tyler moved to accept Mr. Miller's resignation.

Walter Burnett and Tony Torres seconded the motion.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chris Isbell submitted the name of Elizabeth Harrison from Lake Zurich to fill the vacancy of Vice-President created by the resignation of Ken Miller.

Bob Tyler moved to accept Elizabeth Harrison as Vice-President.

Tony Torres seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

The appointment will begin effective January 1, 2011.

E. Future of IPWMAN Organization Structure:

Chris Isbell asked the Board of Directors to consider the possibility of hiring a full-time staff member. He would like to discuss whether the person would be an employee or contractor and whether the position would be that of Executive Director or another position to manage IPWMAN as it increases in membership.

Don Wenzel mentioned that IESMA hired an employee through ILEAS. He suggested that perhaps IPWMAN could go through them.

Walter Burnett said that the decision might have an impact on dues.

Chris Isbell said that as IPWMAN brings in more members, the increase in the number paying dues might cover the costs.

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

F. Conference Hotwash:

Chris Isbell thanked the Membership and Training Committees for their work in organizing the conference. He challenged the organization to recruit more vendors for the next conference. He set of goal of 20 vendors.

Geno Koehler asked if the Board felt that the combination of the two conferences was successful.

Don Wenzel said that he thought it was a good idea to combine the two.

Chris Isbell said that the Board would need to look at areas for holding the conference that would have adequate facilities for vendors and equipment displays.

Sharie Tinsley recommended beginning to plan now so training could be incorporated into the plan for next year's conference.

Don Wenzel said that the \$25 fee was a great deal for members.

Chris Isbell said that if more vendors participated, it would be possible to keep the conference fee low.

Geno Koehler suggested including a tour of some facility next year.

Discussion followed about the location of next year's conference. The Membership Committee will begin planning soon.

G. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Danville, Illinois.