



## IEPA/IDNR Meeting Minutes–September 26, 2018

Hanson Professional Services  
Oak Brook and Springfield Offices

9:00a.m.-11:00 a.m.

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sign in sheet for Springfield IL and Lisle IL
2. Self-Introductions
3. PAC Donations
4. IEPA Bureau Updates
5. IDNR Updates
6. Presentation, “Mussel Surveys/Regulatory Coordination Process”
7. Presentation, “Recent Changes to the ILR10, General NPDES Permit”
8. Education Subcommittee
9. Future Agenda
10. Committee Goals
11. Committee Objectives

### 1. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE / SIGN IN SHEET TALLY

<u><b>Springfield, IL.</b></u>	<u><b>Lisle, IL.</b></u>
1. Kara Knuffman, Klingner & Associates	20. Emily Ryan, Hermon Planning
2. Heidi Dunn, Eco Analysts Inc.	21. Erica Spolar, Hampton
3. Henry Schmitz, CMT	22. Doug Cowin, Stanley Consultants
4. Shane Remmert, CMT	23. Tom Paolicchi, ABNA
5. Charles Duneau,	24. John Wills, WBK Engineering
6. Jeff Bushur, Hanson Professional Services	25. Neil Brown, Ecology & Environment
7. Mike Hartin, SCI Engineering	26. Andy Mckenna,
8. Steve Altman, IDNR	27. John Hyder, Wood
9. Dale Brockamp, IDNR	28. Bill Schmanski, Benesch
10. Michael Streff, Farnsworth	29. Lisa Nielsen, 2IM
11. Scott Harding, SCI Engineering	30. Stephanie Brown, WSP
12. Tim Howard, Cummins Engineering	31. Matt Letson, Bowman
13. Todd Peek, TWM	32. Bill Santelik, GSG Consultants
14. Bryan Cross, Prairie Engineers	33. Anthony Malone, ESI Consultants, Ltd.
15. Pete Hagner, Fuhmann Eng.	34. Robin Martel, Wight & Company
16. Lori Duber, Civil Design, Inc.	35. Margaret Panatera, GZA/ Huff & Huff, Inc.
17. Steve Coates, Quigg Engineering, Inc.	36. Prateek Goel, B&V
18. Sandy HoMola, EXP	
19. Bridgett Jacquot, Horner Shifrin	



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### 2. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

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Self-introductions were made from committee members and guest presenters from both Springfield IL. and Lisle IL. locations.

- [ACEC-IL IEPAIDNR MM \[09-26-2018\] Agenda](#)

### 3. PAC DONATIONS

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Committee Chair Kayla L. Knuffman spoke about minimum contribution standards for committee members, it being fifty dollars a member and increasing with the level of position held within ACEC-IL.

### 4. IEPA BUREAU UPDATES

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Assoc. Director of IEPA, Todd Peek:

- [ACEC-IL IEPAIDNR MM \[09-26-2018\] IEPA Peek](#)
- [Highlights from attachment](#)
  - Major staffing changes
  - Public Health proposed regulation

### 5. IDNR UPDATES

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- New Department managers
- Capital Budget go full blown to spend money in current budget while it's there
- CDP Projects: restarting 24 old projects, est. total \$37.5 million
  - All 24 projects had re-start meetings
  - Most in latter development
  - Some in construction
  - 7+ CDP currently in construction
- On-going off shore erosion project
- Div. of Architecture Planning seeking assistance for design and surveying
- DNR + DOT + 2 consultants for park road design project
  - 9 projects, est. \$10.5 million
  - Advertising – will be on consultant service bulletin always, and may be in additional postings
    - 2 new planners
    - Backlogging permits is an issue
    - Updating Rules & Regulations for bodies of water
    - How to speed up permit reviews?



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- Need more staff, violations slowdown man-power to review and grant permits
- New budget, \$21 million for buy-out mitigation (Watseka, Carbondale)
- Printable needs: DOT, please provide project sequence numbers because they don't know where it is in process
- Some people who don't have experience working with DOT can be a headache
- Office of Realty and Capital Planning
  - We do consultations
  - No wet-lands manager
  - Talk of overhaul application database and tracking to help work load
  - Not enough staff to inspect permits
  - Action: reacting instead of pro-active, not enough people to fill positions

### 6. PRESENTATION: “MUSSEL SURVEYS/REGULATORY COORDINATION PROCESS”

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Heidi Dunn, Eco Analysts:

- ACEC-IL IEPAIDNR MM [09-26-2018] Mussels Dunn
- **Highlights from attachment**
  - **Question 1:** What is the minimum stream size warranting mussel surveys? **Answer:** Streams with intermittent flows do not require a mussel survey.
  - **Question 2:** Are Zebra Mussels good water filters? **Answer:** Zebra Mussels are good water filters, but their rapid growth and resulting decay generates high BOD (biological oxygen demand) which puts a high demand on the available dissolved oxygen in the water body which negatively affects water quality and the aquatic and terrestrial organisms in the water body.
  - Michael Streff, PE, Farnsworth Group, highlight.

### 7. PRESENTATION: “RECENT CHANGES TO THE ILR10, GENERAL NPDES PERMIT”

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Shane Remmert, Crawford Murphy & Tilly:

- ACEC-IL IEPAIDNR MM [09-26-2018] ILR10 Remmert
- **Highlights from attachment:**
  - Updating rules and regulations for bodies of water
  - How to speed up permit reviews? Need more staff.



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### 8. EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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Bryan Cross and Henry Schmitz will determine the next meeting date, time, and location after discussing details with Sasha Cadigan, Director of Administration ACEC-IL. Tentatively to be sometime in December 2018 and Bloomington or Starved Rock IL.

### 9. FUTURE AGENDA

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404 Permitting: Illinois is now part of the 2015 rule. New policy was under developed; therefore, implementation is obscure. Be aware that permit renewals and the new 2015 rule implementation.

### 10. COMMITTEE GOALS

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To educate our members on environmental topics associated with the 2 state agencies, IEPA and IDNR, as well as strengthening our organization’s relationship with both agencies. We will also educate our members on upcoming regulations as it pertains to land and water issues in the state, including the connection of regulatory requirements with federal agencies such as Corps of Engineers, USEPA and USFWS.

### 11. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

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- 3-4 Meetings per year; meet twice per year with IEPA and IDNR for fostering improved relations and staying informed on environmental regulations associated with land and water
- Provide an environmental workshop to all members statewide as it pertains to environmental topics; investigate webinar workshops as well
- Solicit our committee members for new workshop/webinar topics and how to better inform and serve our members in the future

Concluded.