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NWMC BOARD MEETING NOTES

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 Glencoe, Manager Paul Harlow
 Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
 Hanover Park, Trustee William Cannon
 Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
 Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
 Morton Grove, Trustee Larry Gomberg, Administrator Joe Wade
 Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
 Northbrook, President Sandra Frum
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Members Absent

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	Wheeling

Others in Attendance

Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Director
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Tom Jeffrey, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Laurie Roche, Cook County Sheriff's Dept.
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Manager
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director
Mary Wells, Metro Strategies

There was not a quorum present at the meeting. President Turry declared an emergency for the purpose of voting on the MWRD comment letter by proxy (Section 6A of the By-laws) since a response is required to the MWRD before the next scheduled board meeting in January. President Turry proceeded with the program and informational sections of the agenda.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2009

Due to lack of a quorum, approval of the Minutes was deferred to the January Board meeting

V. President's Report – Jerry Turry, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood

A. December Board Meeting Presentation – Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service

President Turry introduced Commissioner Tom Jeffery of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) who discussed the organization's programs and informed members how to access their services.

Commissioner Jeffery stated that FMCS has provided mediation and arbitration services to industry, communities and government agencies since 1947. Their mission is to improve labor-management relations, promote collective

bargaining and enhance organizational effectiveness. They do not make decisions but work with parties to agree to a settlement. The three main areas FMCS works with are collective bargaining mediation, relationship development training, and grievance mediation. Commissioner Jeffrey stated that there is no charge for their services as they are tax supported and encouraged members to contact him if they have a need for these services. Commissioner Jeffrey answered questions from the members after his presentation.

B. MWRD Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance

President Turry stated that he attended a meeting with the various councils of government and the commissioners of the MWRD where the issues with the ordinance were discussed. President Turry stated that the NWMC had organized meetings to obtain member comments on the ordinance and prepared an outline of the comments. Conference staff also drafted a comment letter to the MWRD on the issues which included the economic, environmental and social impact of the ordinance on municipalities. Comments regarding the proposed ordinance must be submitted to the MWRD by December 31. He said that the Conference Executive Board recommended approval of the draft letter.

Mr. Staron gave an overview of the major points in the draft comment letter and members provided additional comments on the ordinance and how it would affect their communities.

Due to the lack of a quorum at the meeting, Mr. Fowler stated that Section 6A of the Conference By-laws allows the Conference President to declare an emergency for the purpose of voting on an issue.

President Turry then declared an emergency due to weather conditions for the purpose of voting on the MWRD Draft Comment letter. He instructed Mr. Fowler to send a fax proxy to membership for approval of the draft comment letter in order to meet the December 31 deadline for submitting comments on the Watershed Ordinance.

C. MMC Quarterly Meeting Location

President Turry stated that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, December 14 at the Chicago Architecture Foundation. Mr. Fowler stated that discussion will focus on the work of the MMC Service Delivery Task Force, which has been investigating cost reductions and potential efficiencies in the delivery of municipal public safety services. The NWMC will also make a presentation on the pension issue.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair, and Chris Canning, President, Village of Wilmette, Co-Chair

1. Public Safety Pension Reform

President Canning stated that the Conference legislative program will be rolled out at the Legislative Brunch. He stated that the key issues are maintaining the local government distributive fund and the public safety pension issue. He stated that the committee is trying to build support and awareness for the pension issue and they would like to obtain the support of the local councils of government and the Mayors Caucus.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Conference made a presentation to the Illinois Municipal League board on the pension issue and met with positive response from the board. The IML asked their managers subcommittee to work with the Conference and also through the IML executive committee.

President Canning reiterated the need to inform the public on the pension issue and the importance of obtaining the support of the various councils of government and the Caucus.

2. *2010 Legislative Brunch*
President Canning stated that the NWMC Legislative Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2010.

B. Program Services Committee – Ray Rummel, Manager, Elk Grove Village, Chair

Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Update

1. *Chevrolet Tahoe 4x2 Police Pursuit Vehicle Contract Award*
Mr. Widmer stated that the Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle is a new option within the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) program. The SPC Governing Board has awarded the contract to Currie Motors in Forest Park.
2. *Liquid Calcium Chloride Contract Award*
Mr. Widmer stated the SPC Governing Board and Illinois Department of Transportation have awarded the 2009-2010 Liquid Calcium Chloride Contract to Gasaway Distributors Incorporated in Oak Brook.

VII. Consent Agenda

Due to the lack of a quorum at the meeting, approval of the Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for October was deferred to the January board meeting.

As President Turry had declared an emergency due to weather conditions for purposes of voting, a fax proxy will be sent to North Shore Council members to approve the Glenview at Greenwood Road intersection improvement STP cost increase. The North Shore Technical Committee approved the increase on November 18, and it must be approved by North Shore Council members by January 6, 2010.

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

None.

X. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook.

XI. Adjournment

President Turry wished members a Happy Holiday and the meeting concluded at 8:50 p.m.