

MINUTES
DECENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 30, 2024
1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles Illinois 60714

I. CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Balling called the Decennial Committee Meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, in accordance with Open Meeting Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Superintendent Balling called the roll. Present were Committee Members - Chairman Pietron, Commissioner Fowler, Treasurer Hanna Sullivan, Resident Keith Hancock, Resident Stephen Costa, and Superintendent Balling. Absent was Commissioner La Margo.

Also present was Ralph Czerwinski of Morton Grove and Kathy Thake of Village of Niles.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pietron led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting December 14, 2023

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Hancock, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2023. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Pietron, Fowler, Hancock, Costa, Sullivan, Balling

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 La Margo

ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Morton Grove Niles Water Commission Strategic Plan Review

The Strategic Plan was redistributed among the Committee, while Superintendent Balling provided a brief overview. Its important to note this plan is a core metric which can provide guidance to the Committee as recommendations are developed. Superintended Balling further outlined the operating model conducted by Niles while Morton Grove provides legal and financial services, which works seamlessly. At the next Committee meeting, Commission Attorney Liston will provide the governmental structure and the Intergovernmental Agreement in place. Committee Member Hancock sought clarification on the term of the operating contract. Superintendent Balling stated the term is three years and must be evaluated as its in the final year. Furthermore, Superintendent Balling stated the Commission is pursuing an

emergency connect with Aqua which should be part of the final report of the Committee.

b. Discussion of Future Initiatives

Superintendent Balling presented a memorandum dated April 24, 2024 which outlined the recommendation of the final report along with a timeline for adoption by all parties. Commissioner Fowler asked if the Strategic Plan will be a part of the final report. Superintendent Balling stated it can be identified as an exhibit, however the recommendations will be based from the Plan. Chairman Pietron stated that accountability and efficiency is the idea behind the Morton Grove Niles Water Commission. Putting that in writing is the idea since it has been executed very well. Attendee Ralph Czerwinski stated the Commission should target Park Ridge and Des Plaines as potential customers to buy water. He also reiterated this endeavor was a great move by both the Village of Morton Grove and Niles.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – No members of the public were present at the meeting location.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Approved by the MGNWC Decennial Committee
at its May 23, 2024 Meeting


