

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 1970 - 189 W. MADISON STREET, CHICAGO

The Board first discussed alternatives for obtaining copies of transcripts, such as asking for multiple copies from the court reporter on the one hand, and forming out a single copy for copying on the other. Mr. Kissel and Miss Ryan agreed to study the cost and feasibility of various alternatives and to report back to the Board.

Attorneys Gillmor and Feldman, representing Commonwealth Edison Co., told the Board that Edison expected to present eight or more expert witnesses at the thermal pollution hearings in September and asked that their witnesses be permitted to testify in series at a specified time. Mr. Currie remarked that such questions were left to the hearing officer, in this case Mr. Kissel, and added that the Board would almost certainly schedule additional sessions after the federal workshop on thermal pollution. He noted also that the Board would appreciate receiving written testimony in advance in order to avoid the necessity for calling witnesses back for cross-examination. Mr. Kissel said that the Environmental Protection Agency, as proponent, would speak first with regard to the proposed regulations, that public officials would get next priority, and that all other participants would be heard in the order in which they had signed in.

The bulk of the meeting centered around discussion over how the Board's meetings could be used to better advantage. Mr. Kissel said that the people seemed to like the idea of the Board's traveling around the state to listen to their problems. With better planning, better advance notice, better press relations and better arrangements for inviting people to come to meetings, he thought the Board could achieve much more public involvement and press coverage than in the past. He suggested that the Board set a specific discussion topic for each meeting, for example, a local air or water pollution problem and then advise the Environmental Protection Agency in advance as to what the Board would like to discuss. For example, the Board might request that the Agency present maps and other data through its experts, report on sampling on discharges on changes in quality and respond to questions. Mr. Lawton suggested that the Board should designate an agenda in advance of each meeting. Such an agenda might contain the following:

1. Matters requiring Board action such as votes on regulations or cases after disposing of formalities.

2. A dialogue with the Environmental Protection Agency.
3. A specific discussion of a relevant geographical problem with the Agency and the public.

Mr. Dumelle added that the agenda should also provide each time for reports from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Institute and the Attorney General. Mr. Kissel added that at every meeting it might be wise to announce that paper should be filed with the Clerk and to explain the function of the Board and to ask if the public wish to be heard. Mr. Currie said that he was in the process of negotiating to hire an Administrative Assistant who would, among other things, help with publicity in advance of meetings and in explaining our operations and actions to the press.


Mr. Kissel suggested that it might be advisable to ask public officials, in various parts of the state, to come to meetings held there, and to make statements about local pollution problems. He also suggested that some of the meetings presently scheduled for Chicago be moved to locations in the Chicago suburbs and that some of the Springfield meetings be moved to other locations around the state. Mr. Aldrich agreed to work with Mr. Kissel in selecting additional down-state sites. Mr. Currie suggested the Board should go back to Peoria before long for a second session on the Illinois River after making a specific written request to Mr. Klassen for assistance in discussing the Illinois River. Mr. Dumelle then presented a letter which he had drafted to the Agency for Mr. Currie's signature, setting forth suggested discussion topics for the next several Board meetings. In response to Mr. Kissel's earlier suggestion and to Mr. Dumelle's letter, the Board agreed to change the meeting scheduled for Chicago on November 10th to Elgin and to discuss the Fox River at that time and to move the November 24th meeting from Springfield to Decatur and to discuss problems of agricultural pollution.

In regard to the Board's informal Monday meetings, Mr. Dumelle said that he had invited people from the Chicago Water Department to come brief the Board as to Lake Michigan Water quality and had invited people from the Gas Co. to talk about the problem of fuel supply. He added that Mr. Posten from the Chicago Department of Environmental Control had also indicated he might come to such a meeting. Mr. Dumelle also agreed to check with Mr. Van Mersbergen of NAPCA and with Dr. Quon and Carnow to determine which Monday would be a good time for discussing automotive pollutants.

Miss Ryan noted that a recent public advertisement had cost the Board \$76.00 and urged the Board to try to avoid further rescheduling of meetings. She also said that the inclusion of official notice in the Newsletter complicated the mailing schedule and suggested that separate mailing of notices might be advisable. She suggested that the Newsletter be mailed out each alternate Friday afternoon and that this would require typing of the Newsletter by 10:45 Friday morning.

Mr. Lawton was unanimously selected Vice Chairman to preside if necessary whenever the Chairman was unavailable.

I, Regina E. Ryan, certify that the Board has approved the above minutes this *8th* day of *October*, 1970.


Regina E. Ryan
Clerk of the Board