

Illinois Water Authority Association

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NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Quarterly Board & Member Meeting Scheduled for December 4, 2025

The Association's Quarterly Board Meeting is scheduled for December 4 at Avanti's Restaurant in Bloomington. Dinner costs will be covered by the Association. Attorneys and members of all water authorities are also invited. The agenda for the evening is printed on page 4. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm and the business meeting begins at 6:00 pm. **Please RSVP by November 28, 2025**



From the Chair

More than 220 data centers are scattered around Illinois, with a greater number showing up in rural communities. What are data centers? These facilities house lots of computer systems that continually operate to handle multiple requests for things like web pages, files, or applications. They are high energy users and can demand millions of gallons of water a day. Some water will be consumed and some will be used and recycled, but there will be a demand for more water.

It's this demand for water that has increased the interest of water authorities and why I, as Chair for the Illinois Water Authority Association, have received new inquiries for information on water use in rural areas. One county in east Illinois reached out with concerns on what impact of increased water usage would have on local residents. There has been increased interest on the impacts of proposed data centers near Springfield and Decatur.

There is also increased concerns for underground CO2 storage and those impacts on local water supplies. And these activities are happening so fast that it is hard to keep track. I will be meeting with Director Jenna Shelton, the new head of the Illinois State Water Survey, to learn more and will have that report when the membership meets on December 4 in Bloomington.

I encourage you to have a representative of your water authority attend the meeting – either in person or by Zoom. IWAA is working to keep our water resources safe and abundant.

Susan Adams, Chair of IWAA

If you would like to learn more, these web sites offer some insight on how water resources might impact your communities.

Map of data centers

<https://www.datacentermap.com/usa/illinois/>

What happens if new data centers come to C-U? A look at the environmental costs

<https://ipmnewsroom.org/virtual-water-inside-illinois-data-centers-water-flows-quietly-and-unchecked/>

As data centers proliferate across Illinois, communities grapple with how to supply the necessary water

Illinois Water Authority Association Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2025
(to be voted on and approved by the members attending September meeting)

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Mike Funk called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

Roll Call: Dean and Phyllis Hudson (South Ross Township Water Authority); Gary and Ann Williams (Allin Township); Don & Felicia Osborn (Imperial Valley); Mike Funk (Mt. Hope/Funks Grover Water Authority); Russell Benjamin (SEMCWA); Raul Martinez (SEMCWA); Tom Cross (Northern Logan County); Mark McGrath (via Zoom); Mary Auth, Executive Administrator and guest Jenna Shelton, Illinois State Water Survey. Six Water authorities were present.

Invited guest, Dr. Jenna Shelton, was introduced as the new Director of Illinois State Water Survey. Comments were made about her new job, and she looks forward to working with IWAA. Raul Martinez and Russ Benjamin of the Southeast McLean Authority Trustees, were also introduced.

Approval of Agenda: The meeting agenda was accepted.

Minutes of June 5, 2025 meeting: Motion was made to accept the minutes by Don Osborn and were seconded by Dean Hudson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report and Annual Financial Review were given by Don Osborn and Mary Auth. The balance of the Treasurer's report as of August 31, 2025, was \$69,814.48. Motion was made by Tom Cross and seconded by Gary Williams, to accept the report. Motion carried. Mary passed out the approved budget for 2025.

Nominating Committee for Chairman, Treasurer, and Exec. Committee: The members of the committee are Tom Cross, Mike Funk, and Gary Williams.

Attorney's Report: Mark McGrath said the posting of the agendas should be 48 hours in advance of meetings, and no action should be taken on an item that is not on the agenda. No posting of the executive meeting is needed if no more than one from each water authority is present.

MAC Update and 104th General Assembly: The new director of ISWS, Dr. Jenna Shelton, will be put on the webpage news of the IWAA website. MAC helped in selecting the new Director.

Legislative Review 104th General Assembly: Susan Adams is receiving updates from Creative Resources and watching for legislation that would affect water authorities or the Water Use Act of 1983. There are several bills which are being kept track of. Three bills are being worked on to ban CO2 storage and protecting the aquifer (HB3614, SB0182, and SB1723). On May 20th, SB1723 was passed by both houses. This bans carbon sequestration – the process of capturing and storing carbon by injecting it underground, within an area that overlies, underlies, or passes through a USEPA designated sole-source aquifer. The Mahomet Aquifer is the only aquifer in Illinois with such a designation. The Governor signed into law SB1723, which banned CO2 from Sole Source Aquifer, but not recharge areas.

Consideration of bills: Attorney Mark McGrath (\$280.00), Mary Auth-Admin (\$286.30), Auto Owners Ins. (\$625.97) and Avanti's (\$292.01). A motion was made by Tom Cross to pay the bills, and it was seconded by Dean Hudson. Motion carried.

Other Business: Mount Hope Funks Grove Water Authority and Township has sent a letter to McLean Co. Board to not accept what is called Project Review area, which includes what we believed to be

recharge zones that supply water into the aquifer. This change would exclude Bloomington/Normal and eastern portions of McLean Co. from the carbon sequestration protected area.

Next Meeting: December 4th meeting will be at Avanti's at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting at 6:00.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Gary Williams and seconded by Don Osborn to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Williams
Secretary

2026 Meeting Dates		
February 5	Via phone conference	Executive Committee
March 5	Avanti's Bloomington	Membership Meeting
May 7	Via phone conference	Executive Committee
June 4	Avanti's Bloomington	Membership Meeting
August 6	Via phone conference	Executive Committee
September 3	Avanti's Bloomington	Membership Meeting
November 5	Via phone conference	Executive Committee
December 3	Avanti's Bloomington	Membership Meeting

Bloomington serves as a central point for most of the membership, thus Avanti's will continue to be used for the membership meeting. If anyone within the membership suggests an alternative location, it will be investigated. Avanti's Italian Restaurant is located at **3302 East Empire Street, Bloomington**

Zoom, Zoom Zoom. Again for the December meeting we are setting up a Zoom call. An electronic invitation will be going out to those who have an email address on file with IWAA. But in the meantime, here is the link to the December 4 meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81212755297?pwd=EqA4MhNkiFd6YATOMh3KgH09LkQZJd.1>

Meeting ID: 812 1275 5297

Passcode: 646489

Did you know?

The legislation that provided for the establishment of Water Authorities was approved in August 1951. The Act was primarily established to assist the City of Effingham to develop Lake Sara and the infrastructure to supply water to Effingham residents. It appears that the Act was not used again until the late 1980s when East Central Illinois expected a serious drought.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Updated financial statement will be available as a hard copy at the December 4, 2025 membership meeting.

Period: July 31, 2025 - October 31, 2025

Checking account balance as of July 31 2025 **\$ 27,259.51**

Receipts

8/25/2025	Deposit - Dues - South Ross	1,200.00
8/31/2025	Deposit - Interest	4.65
9/25/2025	Deposit - BOP CD redeemed	10,837.00
9/30/2025	Deposit - Interest	4.46
10/10/2025	Deposit - Alliance CD redeemed	10,657.66
10/31/2025	Deposit - Interest	4.84

Total Receipts **\$ 22,708.61**

Disbursements/Expenses

8/3/2025	Check 1341 - Mary Auth	171.61
8/29/2025	Check 1342 - Mary Auth	143.23
9/4/2025	Check 1343 - Avantis	292.01
9/14/2025	Check 1344 - Creative Resources of Ill.	425.00
9/22/2025	Check 1345 - Alliance CD Deposited	10,000.00
10/10/2025	Check 1346 - Mary Auth	224.20
10/14/2025	Check 1347 - BOP CD Deposited	10,000.00
10/29/2025	ACH Payment - checks	25.55

Total Disbursements **\$ 21,281.60**

Checking account balance as of October 31, 2025 **\$ 28,686.52**

Assets (CDs)	BoP Minier #18035 6mo 3.98% 11/30/25	\$ 10,098.81
	Bop Miner #19233 15mo 3.5% 12/22/2026	10,000.00
	Alliance #423 18mo 3.40% 04/10/2027	10,000.00
	Alliance #297 18mo 3.75% 04/21/26	10,316.75

Total CDs **\$ 40,415.56**

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE **\$ 69,102.08**

**Illinois Water Authority Association
Quarterly Membership Meeting
December 4, 2025, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. CST
Avant's, 3302 East Empire Street, Bloomington, IL**

Registration -----4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dinner -----5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting -----6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

<u>Current</u>	* ALLIN TOWNSHIP WATER AUTH.	* MT HOPE/FUNKS GROVE WATER
<u>Membership</u>	* DANVERS TOWNSHIP WATER	* RUSSELL ALLISON WATER AUTH.
	* IMPERIAL VALLEY WATER AUTH.	* SOUTH ROSS TOWNSHIP WATER
	* MACKINAW VALLEY WATER	* SUGAR GROVE WATER AUTH.
	* MENARD COUNTY WATER	* SUSAN J ADAMS – ASSOCIATE
	* NORTHERN LOGAN CO. WATER	

Trustees of the above listed member water authorities may be in attendance at this meeting

<u>Current</u>		
<u>Leadership</u>	SUSAN J. ADAMS - Chairman	MICHAEL FUNK - Vice Chairman
	GARY WILLIAMS - Secretary	DONALD OSBORN, JR. - Treasurer
	MARY AUTH – Exec. Administrator.	MARK J. McGRATH, Attorney

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order - Susan Adams
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Roll Call / Guests
4. Minutes of September 4, 2025 Meeting - Susan Adams **<ACTION>**
5. Treasurer's Report - Donald Osborn, Mary Auth
 - Third quarter financial statement
 - 2025 Cash Flow
6. 2026 Proposed Budget **<ACTION>**
 - Increase Mary's pay by \$10/Hour
 - Increase in McGrath Retainer by \$40 / Year
 - MAC grant
7. Nominating Committee for Chairman, Treasurer and Exec Committee : Mike Funk as Chair, Tom Cross, Gary Williams
8. Election of Chairman, Treasurer, and Executive Committee **<ACTION>**
9. Attorney's Report
10. Update on MAC, & 104th General Assembly – Susan Adams
11. Consideration of Bills for Payment – Adams, McGrath, Mary Auth, MAC grant & others **<ACTION>**

12. Other Business
13. Date for next Member Meeting – February 5, 2026
14. Adjourn

Menu for dinner

Chicken Breast
Mostaccioli with original meat sauce
Chef Salad and Caesar Salad
Caesar Salad
Fudge brownie or cookie

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What is the Illinois Water Authority Association?

The Illinois Water Authority Association (IWAA) is a non-profit, inter-governmental group of water authorities. The Association is dedicated to maintaining local Authority and management of groundwater resources. The Association pursues these objectives through the exchange of ideas on groundwater management and the development of groundwater management plans. Information is reviewed not only from IWAA members, but with other groundwater groups on a state, regional and national level. The Association is active in seeking the adoption of legislation to sustain and improve local groundwater management.

Water Authorities Act

- Regional water authorities
- Broad Powers
- Regulation

- 1 - Imperial Valley
- 2 - Menard County
- 3 - Mackinaw Valley
- 4 - Danvers Township
- 5 - Hudson Township
- 6 - Allin Township
- 7 - Mount Hope
- 8 - Mahomet Aquifer
- 9 - Mahomet Valley
- 10 - Blount Township
- 11 - South Ross Township
- 12 - Sugar Grove Township
- 13 - Effingham (near Effingham PWS)
- 14 - Russell-Allison (2+ Townships)
- 15 - SE McLean County (8 Townships)
- 16 - Shawnee/Gallatin Co. (3 Townships)
- 17 - Northern Logan Co. (8 Townships)

