

Illinois Water Authority Association

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NEWSLETTER

August 2025

Quarterly Board & Member Meeting Scheduled for September 4, 2025

The Association's Quarterly Board Meeting is scheduled for September 4 at Avanti's Restaurant in Bloomington. Dinner cost 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 August 29, 2025**

Illinois Water Authority Association Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2025

(to be voted on and approved by the members attending September meeting)

Call to Order: Chairman Susan Adams called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

Roll Call: Susan Adams, Jim Todd, Dean & Phyllis Hudson, Gary & Ann Williams, Don Osborn, Mike Funk, Jeff Smith, Mary Auth (administrator) Seven Water authorities were present. Mark McGrath joined via Zoom.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda of the evening meeting was made by Jim Todd and seconded by Dean Hudson. Motion carried.

Minutes of March 6, 2025 meeting: Motion was made to accept the minutes by Jeff Smith and were seconded by Jim Todd. 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 June 3, 2025, was \$63,597.86. Motion was made by Jeff Smith and seconded by Gary Williams, to accept the report. Motion carried.

Membership Dues: Membership dues have been mailed out and remain at \$1,200/year.

Illinois State Fair: Friday, August 8, 2025 is AG Day. There will be breakfast at Director's Lawn at 8:00 a.m. Last year we sponsored \$300, and this year Jeff Smith made a motion to increase the amount to \$350. Mike Funk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAC Update and 104th General Assembly: ILAD was April 9th. Susan Adams reported that she visited 8 Legislative offices. Three were available to meet with her. ISWS is looking for a director and MAC has been involved. As of now, no director has been selected.

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.

Election of Executive Committee Member at Large: A motion was made on March 6th by Dean Hudson and seconded by Jim Todd to elect Jerry Elliott. Motion passed. A vote was taken for this office. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mary has contacted Jerry. Jerry has decided to pass with his membership to IWAA and serving as Director at Large, so there is still one vacancy on the Exec. Committee.

Annual Audit: Mike Funk from the Mt. Hope/Funks Grove Water Authority, reported on the financial audit. They found no discrepancies and everything was balanced and correct. A motion was made by Don Osborn to accept the Financial Audit and to place on file, seconded by Jeff Smith. Motion passed.

Per Diem: For Executive Committee, instead of hourly wage and mileage go to Per Diem. Per Diem is not to exceed \$500.00 per year per IWAA officer. Lawyer Mark McGrath said we should consider the implications concerning taxes and being a governmental organization. Jim Todd made a motion to stay with the current payment system and seconded by Mike Funk. Motion passed.

Consideration of bills: Attorney Mark McGrath (\$560.00), Mary Auth-Admin (\$569.21), Susan Adams (\$850.00), Auto Owners Ins. (\$628.00) and Avantis (\$289.39). A motion was made by Dean Hudson to pay the bills, and it was seconded by Jeff Smith. Motion carried.

Other Business: Jeff Smith is speaking at Mason County Farm Tour June 7th. Elmo Springer, the initial Treasurer for Allin Township, passed away. Susan suggested sending a card to his family.

Mike Funk stated that his water authority has sent a letter to McLean Co. Board to not accept what is called Project Review area, which includes what we believe 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: September 4th meeting will be at Avantis at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting at 6:00.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jim Todd and seconded by Dean Hudson to adjourn. Motion carried.

2025 Meeting Dates		
September 4	Avanti's Bloomington	Membership Meeting
November 6	Via phone conference	Executive Committee
December 4	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 September 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 June 5 meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85925048126?pwd=wTO10kbwPevhRfrawcC3gxzPdhNS8S.1>

Meeting ID: 859 2504 8126

Passcode: 767227

Illinois Water Authority Association Financial Report**Period: June 1 2025 - July 31 2025****Checking account balance as of May 31 2025** \$ **22,285.38****Receipts**

6/2/2025	Deposit - Dues - Mackinaw	\$	1,200.00	
6/2/2025	Deposit - Dues - Menard County		1,200.00	
6/2/2025	Deposit - Dues - Susan Adams		60.00	
6/2/2025	Deposit - Dues - Allin Township		1,200.00	
6/4/2025	Deposit - Interest CD		796.42	
6/20/2025	Deposit - Dues - Northern Logan County		1,200.00	
6/30/2025	Deposit - Interest		4.02	
7/21/2025	Deposit - Dues - Southern Ross		1,200.00	
7/28/2025	Deposit - Dues - Imperial Valley		1,200.00	
7/31/2025	Deposit - Interest		4.39	
	Total Receipts	\$		8,064.83

Disbursements/Expenses

6/4/2025	Check 1259 - Avanties	\$	289.39	
6/4/2025	Check 1333 - Creative Resources of Illinois		425.00	
6/4/2025	Check 1334 - Mary Auth		316.41	
6/4/2025	Check 1335 - McGrath Law Offices		560.00	
	Check 1336 - Agricultural Products Promotion -			
6/6/2025	State Fair		350.00	
7/2/2025	Check 1338 - Mary Auth		243.93	
7/14/2025	Check 1339 - McGrath Law Office		280.00	
7/22/2025	Check 1340 - Auto Owners - Workers Comp		625.97	
	Total Disbursements	\$		3,090.70

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

Assets (CDs)	BoP Minier #18035 6mo 3.98% 11/30/25	\$	10,000.00	
	Bop Miner #6186 28mo 3.5% 9/22/25		10,622.82	
	Alliance #250 18mo 4.33% 10/10/25		10,544.30	
	Alliance #297 18mo 3.75% 04/21/26		10,284.00	
	Total CDs	\$		41,451.12
	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$		68,710.63

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

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

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

<u>Current 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

AGENDA

1. Call to order - Susan Adams
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Introduce *Invited* Guests
 - Comments from Dr. Jenna Shelton, Director of Illinois State Water Survey
 - Comments from Rick Twait, MAC Board Member
 - Southeast McLean County Water Authority Trustees
4. Roll Call
5. Minutes of June 4, 2025 Meeting - Susan Adams <ACTION>
6. Treasurer's Report - Donald Osborn, Mary Auth <ACTION>
7. Nominating Committee for Chairman, Treasurer and Exec Committee (Tom Cross, Mike Funk, Allin Township representative)
8. Attorney's Report
 - Open Meetings Act, Posting of Agendas Update
9. Update on MAC & 104th General Assembly – Susan Adams
 - SB1723 was signed – ban CO2 from Sole Source Aquifer, but not recharge area
 - The MAC was included in the selection of a new ISWS Director
10. Consideration of Bills for Payment – Adams, McGrath, Mary Auth & others <ACTION>
11. Other Business
12. Date for next Member Meeting – December 4, 2025
13. Adjourn

Menu for dinner

Chicken Breast

Mostaccioli with original meat sauce

Chef Salad and Caesar Salad

Caesar Salad

Fudge brownie or cookie