

**Kankakee County
Waterways Advisory Subcommittee
February 6, 2025**

The meeting of the Kankakee County Waterway Advisory Subcommittee was held on February 6, 2025, and was called to order by Mr. Munjoy at 8:30 am. The following members were present:

Mr. Munjoy, Mr. Frogge, Mr. Schultz, Ms. Crosby, Mr. Suprenant, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Carrico

Members Absent – Mr. Hodak, Mr. O'Brien

Quorum – Present

Kankakee County Board Members Present – Mr. Carrico, Mr. Long, Mr. Fetherling

Public Commentary – Curt Ralston is a former member of the Momence Conservancy District and lives on the river. He watches the river closely and would like to help in any way he can. He believes drones can be of great use.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – Motion to approve made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Ms. Crosby. Approved unanimously.

Bathe-metrics Project

Geoff Olsen, Kankakee County GIS Coordinator, presented preliminary mapping. It contains detailed information regarding river depth from surface to hard bottom, and from surface to top of sand/silt. This allows for determination of sand/silt depth. Future bathe-metric studies will show how this sediment moves through the river. The full project will be available online when complete.

Equipment Update

The semi-truck arrived in January and the chipper will be here in February. This will complete the equipment deliveries.

Any Urgent Tasks/Projects

Dennis Johnson is a Momence Yellowhead Drainage District Commissioner. Mr. Johnson discussed erosion from Singleton Ditch and the need for stabilization and excavation in portions of the river in eastern Kankakee County near the Indiana state line.

Post-Aroma Park Project Maintenance

Discussion of the need for a plan to keep the Aroma Park boat ramp open once the dredging project is completed. Ben Wilson is working on a plan to monitor the area.

Other Business

The IDNR biologists are not concerned about the Aroma Park dredging project disturbing the walleye spawn.

Mr. Johnson brought H.B. 1873 to our attention and brought summary copies for all. This bill deals with access and use of navigable waters in Illinois.

Old Business

We have one open At-Large seat and we have two strong candidates to fill that seat. The committee voted unanimously to recommend to the County Board that an additional At-Large seat be created so that both candidates can be added to the committee.

Mr. Wilson looked at DNR documents regarding gaining permission from land owners to use their property to gain access to the river for maintenance projects. Our State's Attorney is actively working on this.

Other Business – The next meeting will be held on October 3, 2024, and contact information of the members will be provided.

The next meeting will be held on December 5th, 2024, at 8:30 am.

Adjournment – Mr. Carrico made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schultz. Motion carried by voice vote.