

**Kankakee County**

**Waterways Advisory Subcommittee**

**October 2, 2025**

The meeting of the Kankakee County Waterway Advisory Subcommittee was held on October 2, 2025, and was called to order by Mr. Munjoy at 8:30 am. The following members were present:

Mr. Hodak, Mr. Frogge, Mr. Munjoy, Mr. Koehler, Ms. Crosby, Mr. Huntley, Mr. Carrico & Mr. O'Brien.

**Members Absent** – Mr. Johnson & Mr. Suprenant.

**Quorum – Present**

**Kankakee County Board Members Present** – Mr. Long & Mr. Fetherling. Also in attendance were Mr. Benjamin Wilson & Mr. Eric Cavender.

Mr. Munjoy asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of sub-committee member Mr. Richard Schultz.

**Public Commentary** - None

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the August 7, 2025, meeting were presented and a motion for approval was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Huntley. All subcommittee members in attendance were in favor of the motion.

**Education** – Mr. Munjoy referred to the subcommittee packet for review. The information was presented as a guide to assisting in providing future recommendations or considerations for this subcommittee.

**Restoration** – Mr. Wilson provided an update for the Aroma Park Dredging Project, and it is nearing finalization. He noted there were over 8,300 cubic yards of sand sediment removed to allow for higher velocities in the narrow channel. Mr. Huntley provided an update on the Kankakee & Yellow River Basin's progress and an update on the state line bridge removal project.

**Safety** – IDNR report was provided by Officer Brian Elliott. The map and signage update will be moved to the next meeting.

**Old Business** – The Code Red registration information was provided in the meeting packet. Please encourage residents to enroll in the notification system as it would be useful for flooding emergencies. Jim Schopf of the Kankakee River Conservancy District identified several problem areas in the Momence area portion of the river. It was noted to provide Mr. O'Brien with the list of areas of concern and the owner/contact and other pertinent information for accumulation of the data. This will be compiled and sent to Mr. Eric Cavender for the Waterway Committee to review. Future funding ideas were discussed, and examples were presented in the subcommittee packet. Mr. Nick Allen from Sen. Joyce's Office discussed the challenges regarding developing long-term solutions for the river but expressed the importance of the river to our community and the need for further discussions. Indiana has developed a large long-term funding solution for river mitigation on the Indiana portion and are now fixing their portion of the Kankakee River.

**New Business** – Mr. Tim Morris (Plant Superintendent & Lab Director) from Aqua Illinois was introduced and he noted their concern about the challenges & concerns facing the river.

Mr. Munjoy sought discussion on possibly moving the meeting time to 7:30 am. It was noted the building would not be open at this time and 8:30 am is the earliest available time for the subcommittee to utilize the boardroom. It was decided to leave the bi-monthly meeting time as it is currently scheduled.

A recommendation to the Waterway Committee for consideration was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Frogge. The recommendation: the pursuit of sustained funding source (s) to support the mitigation, restoration, and long-term resilience of the Kankakee and Iroquois Rivers. All subcommittee members in attendance were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Carrico noted that the Kankakee County Highways, Waterways & Buildings Committee (the committee our sub-committee serves) meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 am in the Administration Board Room. He asked that all minutes, reports and recommendations be provided to him a week prior to his committee meeting so it can be included in their meetings.

Mr. Frogge explained the 604B grant (IEPA) that Kankakee County Soil & Water Conservation District has applied for regarding developing a watershed plan for Rock Creek. If approved, it would open the ability to apply for a 309 grant(s) allowing for work to be performed as identified in the watershed plan. He will provide updates on the status of this project.

Appreciation was expressed to the members of the Kankakee River Conservancy District for attending.

The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2025, at 8:30 am.

**Adjournment** – Ms. Crosby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Huntley. All subcommittee members in attendance were in favor of the motion.