

Wetland Task Force Meeting Minutes

Executive Conference Room, City Hall, 3rd Floor
1528 3rd Avenue
January 21, 2026
8:30 AM



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| Task Force Members Present | Nina Struss Mike Thoms Missy Gasiorowski Jon Duyvejonck Kathy Wine Hannah Alexander |
| Task Force Members Absent | Ald. Randy Hurt Mayor Ashley Harris Tim Pressly |
| Staff Present | Tom Flaherty Tanner Osing Lisa Perry Jason Upton |
| Guests | Valerie Njapa, INDR/INPC Angella Moorehouse, INDR/INPC Dr. Michael Reisner, Augustana College Alyssa Klauer, Augustana College |

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Discussion with Public Works Department regarding Land & Water Reserve boundary

Osing opened up the discussion by noting concerns from the City about including land in the reserve on the east side of the expressway (IL-92).

Upton and Perry highlighted operational concerns, including maintaining access to water lines and the wastewater treatment facility, ensuring adequate flow to the river and preserving flexibility to respond to future regulatory requirements without creating additional administrative hurdles. Perry noted capacity and regulatory pressures facing the treatment facility, while also emphasizing constraints related to expansion. Osing raised concerns about the potential for added regulatory complexity if the area is included in the reserve.

Moorehouse and Njapa explained that these concerns can be addressed through conservation easement language, including provisions for infrastructure access, maintenance, and environmental management activities. Task Force members

expressed support for continuing to move forward with the original boundary area while working through these details, noting the importance of protecting the area while accommodating Public Works' needs.

The Task Force concluded by discussing next steps including INPC providing example language for review, the City coordinating internally on boundary considerations, and advancing related efforts such as survey work and an agreement with Augustana.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present to comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by consensus.

Minutes submitted by Tanner Osing.