

**SOUTHEAST MCLEAN COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES  
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT**

1. Unit of government submitting this report

Southeast McLean County Water Authority

Note: Any local government that levies a tax, other than a municipality or county must file this Report.

II. Information about our Water Authority

- A. We are in McLean County. There is only one Water Authority in our County.
- B. We have 0 employees of the Water Authority (not including elected officials).
- C. Our Annual Appropriation Ordinance for 2023-2024 is \$10,600.
- D. The population of our Water Authority is 6,335.
- E. Our Water Authority's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$295,909,507.

III. A. Committee Members

Water Authority Trustee	Richard Kelly
Water Authority Trustee	Jerome K. Nord
Water Authority Trustee	Vacant
Water Authority Resident	Richard Bedford
Water Authority Resident	Steve Sallee

Note: Per 50 ILCS 70, the committee membership must include all elected or appointed members of the Water Authority and two residents appointed by the Chairman. The Chairperson may appoint more than two residents if deemed appropriate.

B. Dates that our Committee Met. (50 IL CS 70/20).

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*Kathy Michael*  
COUNTY CLERK

First (Organizational) Meeting      November 26, 2024

Second Meeting                              December 11, 2024

IV. Programs offered by our Water Authority

Management of the quantity of underground water within the territory of the water Authority. Our water Authority is not adjacent to any other Authority.

Assist municipalities as requested regarding the water quantity, the water quantity of sites or locations, and assist citizens as requested regarding these same issues.

V. Social Service Agreements

A. We would partner with the following to offer services.

<b><u>Entity:</u></b>	<b><u>Services Provided:</u></b>
Illinois State Water Survey	Consulting Services
General Public	Information on water quantity And specific sites.

B. Our residents would benefit from these agreements by knowledge and management of water as a resource.

C. We have considered possibly offering the following services or the following additional potential partnerships.

Additional comprehensive water study or studies concerning the quantity of water in the territory of the water authority with privacy release for specific information for specific sites. Assist municipalities as requested regarding the water quantity, the water quantity of sites or locations, and assist citizens as requested regarding these same issues.

VI. Intergovernmental Agreements

We have no Intergovernmental Agreements.

VII. Review of Laws of Water Authority Policies, Water Authority Rules and Procedures, Water Authority Training Materials, and other documents

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to Water Authorities to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended.

State laws applicable to Water Authorities, including, but not limited to the Water Authorities Act (70 ILCS 3715 et al)

Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)

Policy on public comment

Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))

All Elected Officials have completed OMA training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))

Schedule of all Water Authority Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)

Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140)

FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))

Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))

Posting other required FOIA information (5 ILCS 140/44(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))

List of types or categories of FOIA records under Water Authority control (5 ILCS 140/5)

Periodic meetings to review Closed Meetings Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))

All of our elected officials have filed a Statement of Economic Interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; (5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)

Our Appropriations and financial documents

State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1.1)

Reports on government efficiency, including "Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois: Counting Tax Revenues, Not Government" by Wendell Cox (2016); "Local Democracy and Townships in the Chicagoland Area" by Wendell Cox (January 2012).

VIII. What have we done well? (List any budget/levy freezes or reductions in the past decade: list new programs or services offered to residents over the past decade. list any ethics ordinances adopted; timely FOIA compliance; responsiveness to public, list any new increase in number of Water Authority residents served, etc.

Low cost of operation. Real estate taxes have not been raised in 4 years.

IX. What inefficiencies did we identify/What are our next steps?

None. Continue to manage resources at a low cost. The Water Authority was set up to protect our residents from having a project needing a large quantity of water to come in drilling to take water out of our local area primarily for use in other municipalities after the drought in 1988. There is an abundance of water in the

given area, and our permitted uses are agricultural or small subdivisions of 4 living units or less. Otherwise, a permit is required.

X. What can we do better or more efficiently?

Nothing is known currently.

XI Studies on Government Efficiencies.

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

Southeast McLean County Water Authority serves 6 townships plus a part of the 7<sup>th</sup>, and 6,355 citizens at a minimal cost to residents.

To the best of our knowledge, no Water Authority in Illinois has a bonded indebtedness. Water Authorities' expenditures have grown at a lower rate than those of any other level of government since 1992.

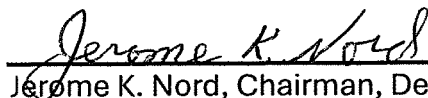
XII. Our committee's recommendations regarding increased accountability and efficiency.

The committee has no recommendations.

Southeastern McLean County Water Authority Decennial Efficiency Committee.

Submitted: December 16, 2024

Southeast McLean County Water Authority.



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Jerome K. Nord, Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee  
Of Southeast McLean County Water Authority

Note: This report must be filed with the County no later than 18 months after your first committee meeting.