



Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup

Executive Board

12/15/2016

2:30 PM-3:30 PM

Lake County Central Permit Facility, 500 Winchester Road, Libertyville IL 60048

Meeting Minutes

1. Call the meeting to order: Michael Talbett called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.
2. Roll Call – see attendee list below.
3. Previous Meeting minutes: Peter Kolb made a motion to approve the minutes. Paul Kendzior seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Contract Extension for Burns & McDonnell for Flow Monitoring services. Brian O'Neill from B&M attended the Monitoring Committee meeting on 12/15/16 and explained the scope of work they are proposing for 2017, he said he would have a proposal for the monitoring committee to review by Jan. 5, 2017. No action until the proposal comes in.
6. Nominations for DRWW Officers and a Member at Large. After some discussion, it was agreed to nominate: Brian Dorn (NSWRD) for President, Al Giertych (LCDOT) for Vice-President and Jim Anderson (LCFPD) for Member at Large. Amended By-Law language will be provided and discussed at the January 19, 2017 meeting.
7. Budget and Membership Fees for 2017. Al requested that the dues schedule be reviewed at the next meeting. It was mentioned that currently none of the Townships in the watershed are members. Al suggested we reach out to Warren Twp first. Peter asked if the group thought that the membership dues for townships be increased from \$200 to \$500? Joe was wondering how we can offer Continuing Education Credits (CEC's) to folks who attend our meetings, like the DRSCW does? Al suggested we consider linking the DRWW to the Municipal Advisory Committee – a MS4 group.
8. DRWW Workplan – Beth shared some ideas she has for the group – including adding education and watershed experiences for the DRWW members. Peter pointed out that the workplan needs to cover goals for some period into the future – like 5 years. He said the first 2 years the DRWW has been collecting data, next we need to push the permitting piece. Funding for projects, POTWs are spending millions of dollars in capital improvements, then secure the permit so watershed projects can be done in lieu of capital improvements. Michael stated that the MS4 communities need to be shown the benefit they are getting from the DRWW to justify their dues. Someone commented that the DRWW's strong relationship with the regulatory community is a benefit to MS4's. Mike W sketched out the Workplan tracks on the dry-erase board: Planning and Grants/WQ Improvement Projects; Regulatory; Education/Leadership; and Monitoring/Data Handling. Accomplishments for each year, 2015-2018. It was noted that Cindy Skrukud meets with IEPA 1x/month, and maybe we should consider doing the same. Joe noted

that if the majors get down to 1 ppm it will solve the Gulf hypoxia problem. Everyone is interested to see the permit language that the DRSCW negotiated with IEPA. The DRSCW got IEPA to refund the fines and dues money to them. It was suggested we invite Steve McCracken to come speak.

9. Suburban Labs Contract – need more clarification on which sampling sites were the extra 7 that were to be added to SL’s contract.
10. Staffing for Suburban Labs (SL) Data Formatting – Joe made a motion to authorize funding to hire an intern to format SL data not to exceed \$2,000. Mike A seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Monitoring Committee Update – Joe provided a summary. There is a conference call scheduled with Chris Yoder for Jan 12 to discuss how to divide up the watershed into thirds and then 25 or so sampling locations within each of the thirds. The monitoring committee asked Clint Bailey of USGS to prepare a cost estimate to add continuous conductance and temperature data with monthly chloride samples taken to correlate the data. Burns and McDonnell (B&M) Contract Extension – Brian O’Neill, project manager for B&M attended the meeting to discuss the scope of the flow monitoring extension and said he would get the monitoring committee a written proposal in early January. Mike W. suggested that a DRWW monitoring committee member be assigned to co-manage each contractor with Beth Adler. He suggested Jim Bland co-manage B&M, Mike Adam co-manage SL, and Joe Robinson co-manage MBI. This was agreed upon by Jim, Mike and Joe. There was discussion about the need for an intern to be hired to format data coming from Suburban Labs.
12. Lakes Committee Update – Mike A gave an update. Shoreline assessments have been completed.
13. Impairments Committee Update – None
14. Old Business – None
15. Other Business – Joe stated that Larry (Tempel Farms) is concerned with improving the water quality on his property, so we should try to get him to participate with DRWW. He suggested we support Larry with IEPA and his project.

Executive Board Members Present:

Peter Kolb, Applied Technologies
Michael Talbett, Kildeer
Paul Kendzior, Libertyville
Joe Robinson, NSWRD
Mike Adam, Lake County Health Department
Tom Morthorst, Village of Third Lake
Steve Vella, Libertyville

Other Attendees:

Beth Adler, DRWW Technical Coordinator
Mike Warner, Lake County SMC
Patty Werner, Lake County SMC