



Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup

Executive Board

3/16/2017

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

1. Call the meeting to order: Brian Dorn called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.
2. Roll Call – see attendee list below.
3. Previous Meeting minutes: Michael Talbett made a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Watershed Plan Update - The Watershed Plan Year 1 Progress Report (March 2017) was handed out. Northwater has been hired to do modeling for the Watershed Plan. Mike Warner asked if the Committee was interested in combining DRWW meetings with Watershed Plan meetings. Everyone was in agreement that one General Membership meeting could be a joint meeting, but not all of them. Everyone liked the idea of a Watershed Bus Tour as a joint meeting with the Watershed Plan folks in August. Brian suggested that the Watershed Plan vs. DRWW's efforts need to be explained at a General Membership Meeting.
6. Financial Report – Mike Warner handed out a financial report so the Executive Board can ratify invoices paid. Jim Anderson requested that a column be added to the financial report to show the date invoices were paid. Mike W agreed to add the column. From January 2017 through 3/14/17 \$83,372.51 was invoiced. Mike Talbett made a motion to approve \$83,372.51 in invoices, Joe Robinson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Water Quality/Sediment Chemistry Contractor - Suburban Labs (SL) Contract. Joe Robinson reported that he and Mike Adam both recommend that the contract with SL be extended and not put that work out for bid. They do, however, want to negotiate conductivity costs and some metals data where the detection limits were increased making that data unusable. Joe said the Monitoring Committee would have a contract extension for the May meeting.
8. Next General Membership Meetings (May/Aug/Nov) – this was discussed in # 5 above.
9. DRWW Draft Work Plan – the DRWW received comments from the Village of Riverwoods via their contractor. There was discussion about picking the 3 top priorities for the DRWW annually. This year would be: 1) Watershed Plan 2) Improve Annual Monitoring Report for Permit Holders 3) NIP

Based on the Riverwoods comments the Board felt adding first/second year action steps and third through fifth year action steps should be broken out. Also adding some language about metrics.

Michael Talbett said he thinks a dialog with IEPA to find out what kinds of projects they would be happy with would be a good idea. Jim Anderson asked the Executive Board to provide Beth

with direction on making the changes to the draft Work Plan. He asked the Board to send me their comments.

10. Inter-Agency MOU – Don Hey had provided a Memorandum of Understanding to the DRWW and several other groups for our review and signature. Don attended to explain to the Board why he had issued the MOU. The purpose of the MOU is to provide an understanding of what will be done and how Wetlands Research, Inc. wants the DRWW and other groups to participate in the Wetland Pilot Project in Vernon Hills. Don was asked how he envisions the pilot project, a WRI project or a DRWW project? Don envisions it as a DRWW project. Peter K asked Don to send the Board Attachments A,B and C to the MOU, the financial spreadsheet and the paper explaining the cost calculation. Brian D asked Don to provide more specifics about the monitoring WRI would like DRWW to provide. There is a phone call scheduled with IEPA, US EPA, WRI and Don would like DRWW to participate to discuss the MOU. Don stated he would like the DRWW to oversee the pilot project. Joe R stated that if Don keeps it as a WRI project then the DRWW would support it.
11. NIP and Nutrient Trading Program – A NIP is required for all POTWs in the watershed by 2019 except Northshore. Jim Anderson asked Beth to research other NIPs that might be available on-line and send them to the Board. Brian D said he would ask the IAWA folks if they have any thoughts on NIPs. Jim A asked if there was any funding to hire a contractor to complete a NIP? Jim A suggested that the Board invite the IEPA to come to our meetings and/or have quarterly meetings with IEPA. Al wondered if the DRWW should try to get all the workgroups connected?
12. Monitoring Committee Update – Joe R shared the DRWW 2016 Annual Monitoring Report with the Board.
13. Lakes Committee Update – Mike Adam was not present to give an update.
14. Old Business – None
15. Other Business – Beth is coordinating a meeting between the DRWW Executive Board and the Du Page River Salt Creek Watershed Workgroup on April 5.
16. Next Executive Board Meeting April 20, 2017
17. Adjourn – Jim Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joe Robinson seconded. The meeting ended at 4:30 PM

Executive Board Members Present:

Brian Dorn, DRWW President, NSWRD

Al Giertych, DRWW Vice President, Lake County DOT

Michael Talbett, DRWW Treasurer, Kildeer

Joe Robinson, DRWW Monitoring/WQ Improvements Committee Chair, NSWRD

Jim Anderson, DRWW Member at Large, Lake County Forest Preserve District

Peter Kolb, DRWW Ex-Officio (Past President), Applied Technologies

Other Attendees:

Beth Adler, DRWW Technical Coordinator

Mike Warner, Lake County SMC

Steve Vella, Libertyville

Don Hey, Wetlands Research, Inc.

Kathy Paap, Wetlands Research, Inc.