



**Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup**

**Executive Board**

**12/19/2019 2:00 pm**

**Lake County Stormwater Management Commission Medium Conference Room**

**500 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville IL 60048**

**Agenda**

**Discussion and Possible Approval of the Following:**

1. Call the Meeting to Order  
Meeting was called to order 2:00 PM.
2. Roll Call  
Brian Dorn, Al Giertych, Mike Talbett, Joe Robinson, Mike Adam, Jim Anderson, Steve Vella was filling in for Paul Kendzior. Quorum was met.
3. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (10/17/19)  
Motion to approve: Al Giertych  
Second: Joe Robinson  
Motion was carried.
4. Public Comment  
There was no public comment.
5. Approval of Monthly Financial Report (including invoices for payment)  
Mike Warner wanted us to be up to date with this because of budget discussions coming up. We submitted all invoices through today. The cover sheet is all of the invoicing information including what has not been ratified. All invoices are either paid or approved for payment. Mike discussed the working budget and our expenses match the invoice sheet that Mike handed out. SMC did reduce administrative services due to other services that came up. There was no technical coordinator billing DRWW for about 3 months. That is just FYI to be considered for next year. Mike bills out 50% of his rate, which was a decision that was previously made. If all expenses were truly captured for the year including the months without a technical coordinator, we would likely be in the red. Brian Dorn asked about cost of Geosyntec, which was just under their cap by about \$6. Hoping Geosyntec honors that contract. Brian will talk to Andrea. For MBI invoice, it appears that they have gone over their contract amount by about \$7,600. Chris wants to sent up project differently next year to add a contingency clause in case they run over

due to high water or other issues. We want him to check high water before he sends his crew down so that it won't be an issue.

Motion to approve monthly financial report including invoices: Mike Talbett

Second: Joe Robinson

Roll Call Vote: All said aye except for Mike Adam who abstained.

The motion is adopted.

6. Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Update

Went over monitoring plan. Finalized monitoring plan and narrowed it down to 14 core sites. Will still do water chemistry at all 73 sites to cover all MS4 constituents. Paring back MBI to 14 sites for 5 years. We have wastewater treatment plants bracketed. USGS sites will also be core sites. We also have one up by the forest preserve by Mill Creek. We are evaluating how to do continuous monitoring. Had a few options, but will bring it up later. NARP suggested that 3 sites be year-round sites. Discussed how to acquire the necessary sondes. Around \$40,000 for 3 sondes. DRSCW utilizes all WWTP who bought their own sondes and bought an upstream and downstream sonde. Rewriting the monitoring plan and will send that down to IEPA and will send that draft to monitoring committee and executive committee. The MBI Contract will be updated to show the 14 sites rather than the 25 and no longer show continuous monitoring, which should lower budget. Hoping to have the Suburban Labs contract finalized by January meeting. We also spoke about PAHs and think we will do some public education and a press release to try to encourage bans.

7. Lakes Committee Update

Committee is meeting January 23 and will discuss results. Will present some information to either the monitoring committee, executive committee or general membership meeting. Geosyntec did not have bathymetric maps for NARP and that is something that they will investigate.

8. MS4 Task Force Update

Goal was to have two seminars a year and we decided that the spring topic could be PAHs. Contact Dave Brown and affiliate member for that.

9. NARP Ad Hock Subcommittee Update

Geosyntec produced a draft NARP workplan in November. It has been distributed. If anyone else has comments try to get them to Brian Dorn so that they can be given to Geosyntec. Brian will compile it into one document and send it to Geosyntec. Much of the \$500,000 has been spent already. Would like to see what the year-to-year cost would be rather than just \$500,000 for 3 years. We don't have a 2020 budget yet, so where did Geosyntec get that number? IWEA had another NARP workshop and IEPA did not attend. The message was that it was an update on what IEPA is doing. Some workgroups are just starting. We are towards the forefront. Someone asked if there are two groups in a watershed that do a NARP, how will the EPA address that? Amy Dragovich said they would pick the NARP that would be the most science based and that's not good news because that means that those, like Mundelein, may be able to

piggyback off ours even though they did not make any kind of financial investment. This drives it down to the lowest common denominator which is not right.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

a. NARP Workplan Review and Redlining

Discussed under item 9.

b. Annual Report Review and Redlining

The logo needs to be updated. Jim Anderson suggested adding a piece on Ethel Woods and Dutch gap. Asked for me to send out an email in the new year to have others edit.

c. Technical Coordinator Review

Asked to try and get meeting packets out sooner. Also, asked to consolidate meetings down to one email with both packets to both groups.

12. Next Executive Board Meeting January 16, 2020 at 2:00 pm, Lake County Central Permit Facility, Medium Conference Room

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Al Giertych

Second: Jim Anderson