



Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup

Executive Board

03/19/2020 2:00 pm

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission Virtual Meeting

Meeting Summary

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Brian Dorn called the meeting to order. There is an error in the agenda for this meeting. The stated meeting date is 02/19/2020. The actual meeting date is 03/19/2020. The correct meeting date has been included in the meeting summary.

2. Roll Call

Mike Warner performed the roll call. Al Giertych, Paul Kendzior, Joe Robinson, and Alana Bartolai were present. A quorum was present.

Mike Talbett entered the meeting after Roll Call.

3. Approve Previous Meeting Summary (01/16/20)

Joe Robinson motioned to approve the January 16, 2020 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Paul Kendzior and approved by unanimous consensus.

4. Public Comment

This meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the Lake County Stormwater Management Commissions website in accordance with Governor Pritzker's executive order in response to COVID-19.

5. Approval of Monthly Financial Report (including invoices for payment)

a. Approval of New Membership Dues: Action Requested

There were no invoices or dues in the meeting packet and the new membership dues structure must be voted on at a general membership meeting. There was a motion to defer action on the membership dues structure until the August general membership meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous consensus.

6. Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Update

The latest Integrated Prioritization System (IPS) model was released by the Midwest Biodiversity Institute (MBI) about a month ago. MBI also distributed the *Biological and Water Quality Assessment of Upper Des Plaines River: Year 2 Rotation 2018* report and is waiting for comments from the DRWW. The latest IPS model was used in this report.

The complete monitoring dataset from 2019 will be sent to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) along with a cover letter. This is done for compliance with municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) and publicly owned treatment works (POTW) permit requirements.

MBI requested POTW data for 2019. This data will be included in the 2019 water quality report.

The DRWW has received data from the NSWRD, Lake County and Lindenhurst. Libertyville and Mundelein will be submitting their POTW data soon. The data will be sent to MBI once Libertyville and Mundelein's data is received.

The LCHD sent the PAH press release to Lake County Communications for review prior to releasing the document. April would be the best time to distribute the PAH press release because this is when the application of pavement sealant begins.

7. Lakes Committee Update

The lakes committee is creating an educational flyer based on the LCHD lake inlet monitoring results. The flyer will be applicable to all lakes and include information on best management practices for nutrient reductions. The flyer will be sent to the executive board for approval once it is finalized.

8. MS4 Task Force Update

The MS4 taskforce is considering purchasing videos that would meet the yearly green infrastructure training requirements for MS4 permits. These videos could be utilized by any MS4 within the DRWW and eliminate the need for a Green Infrastructure workshop. LCDOT offered to pool resources with the SMC to purchase these videos.

9. NARP Ad Hoc Subcommittee Update

Workgroup comments on the *Preliminary Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP) Workplan for the Des Plaines River, Illinois* were sent to Geosyntec. These comments were discussed with Geosyntec during a conference call on March 13th, 2020. Once these comments are addressed, the finalized report will be distributed to the ad hoc subcommittee and executive board. After all additional comments are addressed, the DRWW will schedule a teleconference with the Illinois EPA to discuss the report. The NARP will be a permit condition. It was included in draft permits as of December 31, 2019. There are currently no final permits with a NARP requirement. The DRWW would

like to negotiate allowing the preliminary NARP workplan to be submitted 90 days after the final permits are issued.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

a. Update to bylaws to include Cook County: Action Requested

The Village of Northbrook has indicated that they are interested in joining DRWW. The current bylaw language is exclusive to Lake County. The proposed bylaw update would remove Lake County specific language to make it more inclusive to all entities within the watershed. This would allow entities in Cook County and Wisconsin to become DRWW members. Paul Kendzior motioned for a rollcall vote to update the bylaws as presented. The motion seconded by Joe Robinson and was passed with unanimous consensus.

The bylaw changes will be presented to the DRWW general membership for a 30-day comment period. After the comment period, the bylaw change must be approved by a supermajority at the next Executive Board Meeting.

b. New Interested Members: Northbrook, Beach Park, Gewalt Hamilton, Cardno

Interested entities would have to sign a membership agreement and submit membership dues to join. Entities outside of Lake County must wait for the DRWW bylaws to be updated before joining.

c. New Executive Board Member – Dave Miller: Action Requested

Brian Dorn is retiring from the North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD). Dave Miller (NSWRD) expressed interest in filling the vacant DRWW board position and submitted a letter of interest to the Executive Board. Brian recommends Dave for consideration by the Executive Board. Paul Kendzior motioned to approve Dave Miller as a member of the executive board. Joe Robinson seconded the motion. There was a rollcall vote and the motion was passed. Brian Dorn abstained from voting.

The DRWW bylaws state that board member vacancies will be filled through appointment of the Executive Board by vote. This vote is for a board membership appointment. A separate vote is needed for an officer appointment. Subject to approval in the next general membership meeting, there will be a vote for approval to appoint Dave Miller as an officer on the DRWW board.

d. Executive Session - Review of Stuart's contract

Al Giertych motioned to enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Paul Kendzior and approved with unanimous consensus via a rollcall vote.

12. Other Business

Mike Talbett motioned to request that Mike Warner update the executive board on the COVID-19 procedures with staff. The motion was seconded by Paul Kendzior and passed with unanimous consensus.

One member and one alternate of the monitoring committee will be retiring before the next committee meeting.

13. Next Executive Board Meeting April 16, 2020 at 2:00 pm

14. Adjourn

Paul Kendzior motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Robinson and passed with unanimous consensus.