



Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup

Executive Board

09/17/2020 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Following:

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Al Giertych called the meeting to order at 02:02 pm.

2. Roll Call

Jacob Jozefowski performed roll call. Al Giertych, Dave Miller, Michael Talbett, Paul Kendzior, Steve Waters, and Mike Adam were present. A quorum was present.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approve 07/16/20 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Michael Talbett motioned to approve the 07/16/2020 Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW) Executive Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Al Giertych and passed with unanimous consensus via roll call vote.

5. Approval of Financial Report

a. Invoice(s) Ratification

Paul Kendzior motioned to ratify Invoice #DRWW-2020-02 for Lake County Stormwater Management Commission administrative agent services. The motion was seconded by Dave Miller and passed with unanimous consensus via roll call vote.

b. Expense-Revenue Ratification

Mike Adam motioned to ratify the DRWW Expense-Revenue activity. The motion was seconded by Dave Miller and passed with unanimous consensus via roll call vote.

6. Old Business

a. NSWRD Continuous Monitoring

There was discussion about how frequently the North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD) will invoice the DRWW for continuous monitoring. The NSWRD

will review the monitoring contract. If invoice frequency is not specified in the contract, the NSWRD will coordinate invoice frequency with Jacob Jozefowski. Results of this coordination will be presented to the DRWW Executive Board at the October 15, 2020 meeting.

b. Bylaw update

Jacob Jozefowski presented the proposed DRWW bylaw update. The proposed update will allow the DRWW to recapture an equitable portion of all costs incurred by the workgroup as a condition of new or reinstated agency membership. There was discussion if a legal review was needed for the proposed bylaw language. It was determined that legal review is not needed at this time but may be needed when a new or reinstated member joins the workgroup.

Dave Miller motioned to submit the proposed bylaw update to the DRWW General Membership for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Al Giertych and passed with unanimous consensus via roll call vote.

c. Boundary Expansion

Jacob Jozefowski met with Jennifer Hammer from The Conservation Foundation to discuss a potential expansion of the DRWW and the Lower Des Plaines Watershed Group (LDWG) boundaries to close the gap in workgroup coverage between the two organizations. The LDWG is willing to work with the DRWW to consider a boundary expansion. The LDWG proposed expanding their boundary to include the Weller Creek-Des Plaines River subwatershed and DRWW expanding their boundary to include the Wheeling Drainage Ditch and McDonald Creek-Des Plaines River subwatersheds. The LDWG recently started a new monitoring cycle, so any boundary changes would occur in 2024. Coordination of the boundary expansion will continue in winter 2020. Next steps include:

- Determining the number and size of wastewater treatment plants in the potential expanded area.
- Contacting municipalities in the potential expanded area to determine interest in joining watershed workgroups.
- Jointly coordinating with Midwest Biodiversity Institute to determine the monitoring needs and costs in the potential expanded area.

7. New Business

Jacob Jozefowski asked for board approval to distribute information about the upcoming Smart Salt Collaborative 2020 Deicing Virtual Workshop to the DRWW General Membership. The executive board approved this distribution.

8. Next Executive Board Meeting October 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm

9. Adjourn

Michael Talbett motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Al Giertych and passed with unanimous consensus via roll call vote.