



Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup

Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee

10/15/2020 11:00 am

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Following:

1. Call to Order

Steve Waters called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

2. Roll Call

Jacob Jozefowski performed roll call. Steve Waters, Mike Adam, Austin McFarlane, and Nick Huber were present. A quorum was present.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment

4. Approve 09/17/20 Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes

Steve Waters motioned to approve the 09/17/2020 DRWW Monitoring/Water Quality Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Adam and passed with unanimous consensus via roll call vote.

5. Old Business

a. Data Storage

The committee discussed cloud storage options for the DRWW monitoring data. SharePoint was selected because it has permission controls, a simple interface and can be hosted by Lake County at no cost to the DRWW. Mike Adam, Alana Bartoli and Jacob Jozefowski will set up the DRWW SharePoint and write draft data use guidelines.

b. IPS Model Training

The Midwest Biodiversity Institute (MBI) proposed two Integrated Prioritization System (IPS) model training options with substantially different costs. The full scope training would cost \$43,166.88 and a reduced session would cost \$8,230.62. The full scope training would include a potential project analysis component where MBI representatives would work with the workgroups before, during and after the training to apply the IPS model to the project. The reduced session would not have a potential project component or pre/post training.

The committee chose not to pursue training at this time because funding and creating the Nutrient Assessment and Reduction Plan (NARP) is the DRWW's priority right now and the committee is not aware of any immediate need for using the IPS model in the way this training outlines. The committee may reconsider the reduced session IPS model training after NARP completion; however, additional information about the training curriculum would be needed to determine if the high cost is justified. The committee will also reconsider the training if other regional watershed workgroups express interest.

6. New Business

a. November Newsletter

The committee discussed content for the DRWW Annual Report.

b. 2021 Monitoring Contracts

The committee discussed the 2021 monitoring contract with Suburban Labs. The committee would like Suburban Labs to continue monitoring for the DRWW. The DRWW would like to meet with Suburban Labs to discuss resolutions to the invoicing, data exchange and communication issues that have occurred throughout the 2020 monitoring season. The 2021 contract will include more specific language for invoicing.

Steve Waters will meet with Joe Robinson to determine if changes are needed to the DRWW's monitoring strategy. Once the monitoring strategy is finalized, Jacob Jozefowski will write a draft 2021 monitoring contract for Suburban Labs and distribute it to the committee for review.

7. Next Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting December 17, 2020 at 1:00 pm

8. Adjourn

Steve Waters motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Nick Huber and passed with unanimous consensus via roll call vote.