



**Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup**

**Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee**

**01/21/2020 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, Al Giertych, Austin McFarlane, Nick Huber, Rosemary Heilemann were present. A quorum was present.

**3. Public Comment**

There was no public comment when the agenda item was called; however, there was public comment towards the end of the meeting.

Rob Flood provided an update on the North Shore Water Reclamation District's (NSWRD) continuous monitoring program. The Russell Rd. monitoring location completely froze over in December 2020. The NSWRD is unable to monitor at this site until ice coverage is reduced. The NSWRD will check the Russel Rd. site on a weekly basis during warmer weather to ensure monitoring resumes as soon as possible. The NSWRD will continue to conduct continuous monitoring at the Route 120 and 22 locations. There was additional discussion about how the continuous monitoring data will be transferred to the DRWW from the NSWRD and who will perform quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) of the data. The NSWRD will email the monitoring data to Alana Bartoli and Jacob Jozefowski when quarterly invoices are sent. The Lake County Health Department (LCHD) will QA/QC the monitoring data. Invoices will be processed by the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) once the data has been approved.

The committee discussed the annual monitoring data submission to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for 2020 water quality monitoring. This report typically has a March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Steve Waters is preparing the report and it

will be completed prior to the submission deadline. The LCHD will email Steve Waters the 2020 DRWW monitoring data from Suburban Labs.

There was also discussion about submitting the Preliminary Nutrient Assessment and Reduction Plan (NARP) Workplan to the Illinois EPA. Steve Waters will determine if the DRWW can submit this workplan on behalf of all DRWW members, or if each member must submit the workplan individually.

**4. 12/17/20 Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes**

Mike Adam motioned to approve the 12/17/20 Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW) Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Rosemary Heilemann and passed with unanimous consensus via roll call vote.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Suburban Labs Invoice Update**

Steve Waters and Jacob Jozefowski attended a virtual meeting with representatives from Suburban Labs to resolve an ongoing invoice dispute. Suburban Labs agreed to honor the not-to-exceed amount specified in the monitoring contract. Suburban Labs also sent a follow up email confirming the invoice dispute has been resolved.

**6. New Business**

**a. 2021 Monitoring Discussion**

**i. Lake County Health Department Contract Update.**

The LCHD will conduct the 2021 water quality monitoring for the DRWW. The LCHD will be using the same monitoring strategy that was used by Suburban Labs in 2020.

The LCHD previously performed QA/QC of Suburban Labs monitoring data. To avoid a conflict of interest, the LCHD cannot QA/QC data for the LCHD-DRWW water quality monitoring contract. SMC will QA/QC monitoring data from this contract moving forward.

**ii. 2021 Monitoring Schedule**

A copy of the 2021 DRWW water quality monitoring strategy is included in the meeting packet for this meeting. This is the same monitoring strategy that was used in 2020. The first sampling event will occur in February.

**iii. February General Membership Meeting**

Steve Waters will give a short presentation on the Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee at the February DRWW General Membership Meeting.

There was discussion about having a presentation about natural landscaping, stormwater runoff management, and green infrastructure at

the February DRWW General Membership Meeting. The committee agreed that a presentation on the NARP is a higher priority for this meeting. This presentation will discuss the outcomes of the NARP and should specifically mention how green infrastructure will be considered.

**7. Next Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting March 18, 2021 at 11:00 am**

**8. Adjourn**

Rosemary Heilemann motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike Adam and passed with unanimous consensus via roll call vote.