

Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup

Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee 06/17/2021 11:00 am

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Waters called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

2. Roll Call

Mike Prusila performed roll call. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Steve Waters, Alana Bartolai, Al Giertych, Austin McFarlane, Nick Huber. MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Kuebker, Rosemary Heilemann.

Also attending: Rob Flood, North Shore Water Reclamation District; Chris Johnson, Sierra Club; Tom Morthorst, Village of Third Lake; Jacob Jozefowski, DRWW/Lake County Stormwater Management Commission; Mike Prusila, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission; Chuck Bodden, North Shore Water Reclamation District; Gary Glowacki, Lake County Forest Preserve District

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. 04/15/21 Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes as presented by Giertych, Seconded by Waters.

AYES: Waters, Bartolai, Giertych, McFarlane, Huber. NAYS: None. Motion passed 5-0

5. Old Business

a. Monitoring Updates

Rob flood provided updates on the North Shore Water Reclamation District continuous monitoring. The Russell Rd. sonde was frozen, then had a probe malfunction, about a month of data was not collected until the sonde was deployed April 19. In the future a loaned sonde may be available if one is being serviced but may not collect every parameter. Flood noted that he is working with techs regarding Dissolved Oxygen readings at Russell Rd. to ensure proper collection protocols are being followed.

Alana Bartolai updated on the Lake County Health Department water quality monitoring and noted that they were preparing the next data submission for QA/QC review by the Workgroup.

b. E. coli monitoring Discussion

Alana Bartolai noted that in a few instances, E. coli has exceeded detection limits and upon further analysis no geographic or temporal trend was identified. There is no current need for extra monitoring, but if a trend becomes apparent, the Health Dept. will bring it to the Committee for discussion.

c. Lakes Committee Discussion – The committee discussed the option to reschedule the Lakes committee meetings to 1hr before Monitoring/Water Quality committee meetings in 2022. Huber indicated he not opposed to rescheduling. Waters asked if there are issues with Zoom if meetings are back to back. Jozefowski indicated this issues was resolved by Zoom and SMC has 2 Zoom accounts.

6. New Business

a. Deicing Workshop \$250 Sponsorship Fee

Motion to recommend DRWW Sponsor Deicing Workshop for \$250 to DRWW executive board by Giertych, Seconded by Waters.

AYES: Waters, Bartolai, Giertych, McFarlane, Huber. NAYS: None. Motion passed 5-0

b. Geosyntec Data Request

Steve Waters indicated that North Shore Water Reclamation District has submitted continuous Sonde data to Geosyntec via OneDrive/Sharepoint. All available cross section, dam, and rainfall information has been submitted. Bathymetric data needed for Kemper and McDonald lakes, avg depth would be sufficient (Bartolai to follow up).

7. Member Comments

No member comments.

8. Next Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting 07/15/21 at 11:00 am

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Waters, Seconded by Huber.

AYES: Waters, Bartolai, Giertych, McFarlane, Huber. NAYS: None. Motion passed 5-0