



Lakes Committee Meeting

1/26/2023

11:00 AM

Lake County DOT, 600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL

Minutes

1. Call the meeting to order – 11:00
2. Roll call
Members Present: Mike Adam, Rob Flood, Gerry Urbanozo, Nick Huber
Members Absent: Alana Bartolai, Tom Morthorst

Others Present: Ashley Strelcheck, Mike Prusila, James Fitzgerald
3. Items added to the agenda
No items were added to the agenda.
4. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
5. Approval of January 27, 2022 Lakes Committee Meeting Minutes
Motion by Flood, seconded by Huber to approve the January 27, 2022 Lakes Committee Meeting Minutes.
Ayes: Adam, Flood, Urbanozo, Huber
Nays: None
Motion Carried 4-0
6. Lake Committee recommendations to DRWW Executive Board
Adam reported that the last time the Lakes Committee met, it discussed and forwarded a packet of recommendations to the DRWW Executive Board. Adam presented those recommendations to the Executive Board, which they accepted. Highlights were lake management plans, routine monitoring of stormwater inlets (storm sewer outfalls into lakes/streams) and project implementation. Projects will probably be more pertinent once the NARP is done. The Lakes Committee should be discussing project implementation to some extent.

7. NARP Update

Geosyntec is finishing up modeling and has suggested a call with IL EPA to both inform IL EPA of progress and get direction from IL EPA if the DRWW is OK to move forward from where they are with current NARP development. There will also be a presentation from Geosyntec at the general membership meeting in February.

8. Lake Projects Update

a. Carp reduction project

Gerry Urbano reported that the carp reduction project removed 57,000 lbs. of carp from Crooked, Hastings, McDonald 2, Slough, St. Mary's, Des Plaines, Charles, Big & Little Bear Lakes. There were more than 11,000 fish removed, resulting in an estimated 1,128 – 2400 lbs of Phosphorus removed from these systems. LCHD is noting expansion of aquatic plant coverage (coontail, sago pondweed, milfoil, American pondweed, elodea) and increased secchi depth in these lakes.

b. Hydrilla/Illinois Invasive Species Council

LCHD is working to develop a regionalized approach to hydrilla response.

9. 2023 Planning

Adam reported that LCHD planned activities in 2023 include: additional carp removal projects and lake management plan updates. Anticipating that NARP will be over, the Lakes Committee should have some ideas regarding projects. Flood noted it would be nice to increase awareness of the DRWW Lakes Committee. Most local lakes committees cannot meet during the day, perhaps hold an evening event with a local focus. Adam responded that it might be beneficial for a DPR watershed lake meeting to find out what the local lake committees' priorities are. Members suggested that ILMA convene a POD for Des Plaines watershed lakes and see what individual lake committees are doing, what they have had success with and what the issues are.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Member Comments

Administrative staff noted that the Monitoring Strategy and DRWW Workplan likely coming down the line later this year and the Lakes Committee will likely have items to address.

12. Meeting Dates

a. Next Scheduled Lakes Committee Meeting: July 27, 2023 (11 AM at LCDOT)

13. Adjourn

Motion by Flood, seconded by Huber to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.