



Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Agenda

10/19/2023 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lake County Division of Transportation

600 W. Winchester Rd.

Libertyville IL 60048

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Following:

1. Call to Order

Steve Waters, Monitoring Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Chair Steve Waters, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); Alana Bartolai, Lake County Public Health; Austin McFarlane, Lake County Public Works; Nick Huber, Lake County Forest Preserve District; Brian Kuebker, Village of Libertyville; Rosemary Heilemann, Illinois Sierra Club; and Jim Bland, EPS, Inc.

Others present: Rob Flood, NSWRD; Ashley Strelcheck, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC); Mike Prusila, Lake County SMC; Anna Niedzinski, Lake County SMC; Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec; and Tom Morthorst, Village of Third Lake.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion by Alana Bartolai, seconded by Austin McFarlane to approve the 9/21/23 Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes, with a correction of the Member Comments concerning phosphorous testing used by Wisconsin DNR, brought forward by Jim Bland. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

5. New Business

- a. Geosyntec requested a compensation increase of \$12,000. Rishab Mahajan explained the request is to assess implementation projects, additional coordination with the DRWW, and coordinate a meeting with the Illinois EPA. Geosyntec is still on track to complete the NARP by the deadline. Ashley Strelcheck confirmed that funding was available for the compensation increase. This is a recommendation from the Monitoring Committee to the Executive Board.

Motion by Jim Bland, seconded by Austin McFarlane to recommend approval of Geosyntec's \$12,000 request for a compensation increase.

AYES: Waters, Bartolai, Huber, McFarlane, Kuebker, Heilemann, Bland

NAYS: None

Motion passed 7-0

- b. MBI requested a no-cost time extension until March 31st, 2024. The extension is to accommodate the completion of the Upper Des Plaines bioassessment report and to allow time for the DRWW to review and comment. This is a recommendation from the Monitoring Committee to the Executive Board.

Motion by Brian Kuebker, seconded by Rosemary Heilemann to recommend approval of Geosyntec's request for a compensation increase.

AYES: Waters, Bartolai, Huber, McFarlane, Kuebker, Heilemann, Bland

NAYS: None

Motion passed 7-0

6. Old Business

a. Monitoring Updates

- i. Alana Bartolai had no new updates from LCHD. They completed their monitoring run in September and have submitted August data to SMC for QA/QC.
- b. Ashley Strelcheck updated the DRWW Monitoring Committee that NBWW will postpone posting the IPS Model Report on their website due to lack of training and will revisit once staff are trained. Discussion followed and there was agreement to postpone posting the IPS Model report.
- c. Rishab Mahajan from Geosyntec gave an update on the NARP. Geosyntec is going over the comments that they obtained from the 10/12/2023 special meeting; the NARP revised draft report with the comments included will be available October 30th. Discussion followed comments provided in a letter by Rosemary Heilemann and Chris Johnson, on behalf of the Sierra Club. Discussion centered on the future role of the DRWW, SMC's involvement, and how the NARP and the Illinois EPA response may affect future by-laws and monitoring strategies. Geosyntec would like to obtain from the POTW's the projected costs of going down to 0.1 mg/L, as well as their progress reaching 0.5 mg/L.

7. Member Comments

Jim Bland shared a draft letter to Wisconsin DNR; thanking them for their presentation and asking them for their schedule of implementation and if it is possible for them to set up a monitoring station. Jim Bland encouraged the DRWW to send a similar letter, asking for the anticipated implementation date for their projects. Rosemary Heilemann said she would get in contact with Sierra Club members in Wisconsin to follow-up with their own letter.

8. Next Meeting(s)

- a. Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting November 16, 2023 (LCDOT Conference Room A)

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Brian Kuebker, seconded by Austin McFarlane. Motion passed with unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:38pm.