



Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Agenda

1/18/2024 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lake County Division of Transportation

600 W. Winchester Rd.

Libertyville IL 60048

Discussion and Approval of the Following:

1. Call to Order

Steve Waters, Monitoring Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:31.

2. Roll Call

Anna Niedzinski, DRWW Coordinator performed roll call. Members present: Chair **Steve Waters**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); **Alana Bartolai**, Lake County Public Health; **Joel Sensenig**, Lake County Public Works (LCPW); **Nick Huber**, Lake County Forest Preserve District; **Chris Johnson**, Sierra Club; **Brian Kuebker**, Village of Libertyville, WWTP; and **Jim Bland**, EPS, Inc.

Others present: Christine Morris, LCPW; Ashley Strelcheck, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC); Anna Niedzinski, Lake County SMC; Tom Morthorst, Village of Third Lake; Don Wilson, self; Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec; and Mike Warner, Gewalt Hamilton Associates for Antioch, Avon, Ela, and Fremont Townships, and the Villages of Kildeer, Long Grove, Mundelein, Prospect Heights, Riverwoods, and Wadsworth, and for Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kuebker, seconded by Huber to approve the 10/19/23 Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes together with the 11/29/23 Special Monitoring Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

5. Old Business

a. Geosyntec NARP Updates

Rishab Mahajan, from Geosyntec, gave an update on the Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP) Report, the final report was completed and submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on December 29th, 2023. A requirement of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requires that the Publicly Owned Treatments Works need to submit a request for permit modification to the Illinois EPA 90 days after submittal of the NARP. Waters suggested meeting with

Brant Fleming at the Illinois EPA for clarification on this process. A motion was made by Kuebker, with Bartolai seconding, to contact the Illinois EPA to obtain more information about the permit modification process. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

i. NARP Report on DRWW Website

Motion by Bartolai, seconded by Kuebker, to make a recommendation to the Executive Board to post the NARP Report on the DRWW website with a disclaimer stating that the NARP Report is being reviewed by the Illinois EPA. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

6. New Business

a. Recommendation to approve Annual Newsletter

Motion by Kuebker, seconded by Bland, to make a recommendation to the Executive Board to approve the Annual Newsletter for distribution to the General Membership with the addition of a link to the NARP Report. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

b. Monitoring Committee primary member consideration: Chris Johnson

Motion by Bartolai, seconded by Kuebker, to nominate Johnson from alternate to primary Monitoring Committee member to replace Rosemary Heilemann who resigned. Motion passed with six (6) votes in favor and one (1) abstaining.

c. NARP Implementation and schedule discussion

- i. Mahajan stated that the Fox River Study Group (FRSG) submitted their NARP report in September of 2022, and received minor comment from the Illinois EPA in September 2023. The FRSG addressed the Illinois EPA comments. In 2023 several NARP reports were submitted (IEPA is forming an internal committee). The Monitoring Committee recommends having further discussion about the NARP Implementation Plan.

7. Member Comments

Bland introduced the “Urban Stormwater Management in the United States” is a document that was commissioned by the United States EPA to the committee and produced by the National Research Council. It is a free PDF document and can be found at this link [Urban Stormwater Management in the United States | The National Academies Press](#) it is a good resource for stormwater management and water quality.

8. Next Meeting

- a. Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting March 21, 2024 at 12:30pm (LCDOT Conference Room A)

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kuebker, seconded by Bland. Motion passed with unanimous vote. Waters adjourned the meeting at 1:12pm.