



EXECUTIVE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

June 12, 2025 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

LCDOT Conference Room A, 600 W Winchester Rd, Libertyville, IL 60048

Discussion and possible approval of the following:

1. Call the meeting to order

Paul Kendzior, DRWW President, called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

2. Roll call

Paul, Chuck, Michael, Austin, Gary, Steve, James

Anna Niedzinski, DRWW Coordinator, performed roll call. **Paul Kendzior**, Village of Libertyville (President); **Chuck Bodden**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); **Michael Talbett**, Village of Kildeer (arrived after DRWW Budget review); **Austin McFarlane**, Lake County Public Works; **Gary Glowacki**, Lake County Forest Preserve District; **Steve Waters**, NSWRD (Monitoring Committee Chair); and **James Fitzgerald**, Lake County Health Department (Lakes Committee Chair). A quorum was present.

Others present: Anna Niedzinski, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC); Tom Morthorst, Village of Third Lake; Mike Prusila, Lake County SMC; and Ashley Strelcheck, Lake County SMC. With Adrienne Nemura, Geosyntec Consultants, attending virtually.

3. Public comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. *04/17/25 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes

Talbett motioned to approve the 04/17/25 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bodden. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. DRWW financials

a. **Expenditures-revenue invoice(s) ratification

Glowacki motioned to ratify the expenditures-revenues as presented, seconded by Waters. There were no questions on this agenda item.

- i. Roll Call: Kendzior, Bodden, Talbett, McFarlane, Glowacki, Waters, Fitzgerald
- ii. Motion Passed 7-0-0

b. **Approval Geosyntec Consultants Contract Amendment #1: Compensation Increase Request

Bodden motioned approve Geosyntec Consultants Contract Amendment #1 for a Compensation Increase Request, seconded by Talbett. There were no questions on this agenda item.

- i. Roll Call: Kendzior, Bodden, Talbett, McFarlane, Glowacki, Waters, Fitzgerald
- ii. Motion Passed 7-0-0

c. DRWW budget

Niedzinski presented the FY2025 budget. There were no questions on this agenda item.

d. DRWW Long-Term Budget Planning

Niedzinski presented the long-term budget. Talbett suggested to put in several placeholders for funding future projects within the watershed. Bodden suggested additional discussion of how DRWW would implement

* = DRWW Action Item; Consensus vote

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projects. Which would change the scope and potentially the direction of the DRWW which would necessitate going to the general membership for potential by-laws change. It was also suggested if DRWW forming partnerships with other groups if the group will be implementing projects. It was noted that several publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) NPDES permits are expiring, and the Illinois EPA still has not given guidance on the DRWW Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP). Bodden stated that NPDES permits are going to be delayed until the Illinois EPA responds to the first round of NARPs. In the Des Plaines River Watershed the upstream water quality is impacted by the water coming from Wisconsin. Bodden stated that United States Geological Survey (USGS) was contacted about installing a “super-gage” at the upstream boundary. The USGS cost estimate was \$170,000 for installation, and \$70,000 annually for monitoring and maintenance. The Board agreed that future discussion will be needed.

6. Old business

a. Monitoring Committee updates

i. Discussion of the 2026 DRWW Monitoring Plan

Waters provided an update on Monitoring Committee activities. A brief discussion of the monitoring plan. There were concerns raised on the quality of the model and monitoring and a memo was circulated by a Monitoring Committee member.

7. New business

a. *Approval of Geosyntec’s Response to Address Dr. Burkholder’s Comments to the DRWW Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP)

Waters motioned to approve Geosyntec’s Response to Address Dr. Burkholder’s Comments to the DRWW NARP, with the amended date on page 24 from September 22, 2025 to September 22, 2020, to submit to the Illinois EPA . McFarlane seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

b. *Approval of the DRWW Response to Comments received by Sierra Club

The Monitoring Committee voted to table approval of the DRWW response to comments received by Sierra Club, until next month to allow more time to review and comment. The Executive Board will vote on this item at the next meeting.

8. Member remarks

Waters, brought to the attention of the Executive Board that Jim Bland, a member of the Monitoring Committee has been sharing information outside the workgroup, circulating memos about the DRWW, and violating the Open Meeting Act (OMA). Waters has discussed with Bland the OMA violations. Kendzior talked to Bland concerning the memo, and they agreed to disagree on the NARP, and Bland will send a letter to the Illinois EPA after the DRWW submits their letter. Bodden, stated that Bland has been disruptive at monitoring committee meetings. Kendzior as DRWW President will ask Bland to voluntarily resign from the Monitoring Committee.

9. Next meeting:

- a. DRWW Executive Board meeting: July 17, 2025 at 2:00pm, Lake County Division of Transportation (600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Conference Room A)

10. Adjournment

Motion by Bodden, seconded by Glowacki to adjourn. Motion passed with unanimous vote. Kendzior adjourned the meeting at 2:47pm.