



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 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 2:01pm.

#### 2. Roll call

Ashley Strelcheck, interim DRWW Coordinator, performed roll call. **Paul Kendzior**, Village of Libertyville (President); **Dave Miller**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD) Alternate; **Michael Talbett**, Village of Kildeer; **Gary Glowacki**, Lake County Forest Preserve District; **Steve Waters**, NSWRD (Monitoring Committee Chair); and **James Fitzgerald**, Lake County Health Department (Lakes Committee Chair Alternate). A quorum was present.

Others present: Brian Kuebker, Village of Libertyville; Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec Consultants; and Sarah Skolozynski, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission.

#### 3. Public comment

There was no public comment.

#### 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

##### a. \*07/17/25 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes

Waters motioned to approve the 07/17/25 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Talbett. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### 5. DRWW financials

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

Fitzgerald motioned to ratify the expenditures-revenues as presented, seconded by Talbett. There were no questions on this agenda item. Roll Call: Kendzior, Miller, Talbett, Glowacki, Waters, Fitzgerald; Motion Passed 6-0-0)

##### b. DRWW Long-Term Budget Planning

###### i. Long-term Budget Scenarios Feedback

Strelcheck presented several budget scenarios within the time range of 2026-2030. The budgets presented included NARP implementation amounts of \$0 (no NARP Implementation Measures), \$50,000, \$75,000, and \$100,000. Members chose to set aside no money for projects in the 2026 budget. Waters explained bioassessment would be more beneficial once the TMDL is implemented

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in Wisconsin and drastic changes are made to the Des Plaines River watershed's water quality. Miller said NSWRD is eager for input from the Illinois EPA but would be comfortable keeping their DRWW base membership dues for 2026.

QUESTIONS:

*What is the purpose of the MBI Integrated Prioritization System (IPS) Model training budget item?*  
This item is for the cost of training on the Integrated Prioritization System Model; this item has been carried over for the past few years.

**ii. Project Implementation Discussion**

Strelcheck presented a flowchart demonstrating the path with which DRWW can pursue NARP Implementation Measures via projects, programs and/or policies. Alongside the flowchart, Strelcheck recommended that dues are not changed until NARP implementation related costs are more explicitly determined. Kendzior expressed he would feel more comfortable seeing what the Illinois EPA says about other workgroups' NARPs before planning for projects, and possibly acting as a 'bank' for others to carry out the NARP Implementation Measures. Talbett said he would like to see a list of project ideas within the NARP, and Strelcheck said this is included in the DRWW NARP report. Talbett mentioned he would like to see the evaluation of projects and their potential outcomes (also listed in the NARP report).

**6. Old business**

**a. Monitoring Committee updates**

A Monitoring Committee update was provided by Steve Waters, NSWRD. The Committee approved the 2026 Monitoring Strategy, with minor revisions. The letter will cite the Special Condition 21 of Mundelein's NPDES permit after the draft's current reference to Libertyville's Special Condition 9. Waters also explained the Monitoring Committee recommends the delaying of bioassessment until at least 2028. The Monitoring Committee will continue to annually review the need for bioassessment.

**b. Village of Mundelein Compliance Committee Letter Feedback**

Waters presented a draft letter in response to the Illinois EPA Compliance Commitment Acceptance of the Village of Mundelein. The draft letter was recommended by the Monitoring Committee for Executive Board review, so long as the revisions requested were made. Miller motioned to approve the draft, seconded by Talbett, with the conditions that the letter would be sent no earlier than October 15, 2025 and would be signed by Steve Waters, Monitoring Committee Chair.

**c. USGS Next Generation Water Observation Station (NGWOS) Discussion (Super Gage)**

Waters presented the discussion of the potential purchase of a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Next Generation Water Observation Station (NGWOS) "Super Gage" within a cost-share with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Wisconsin DNR). The Super Gage would monitor water quality at a site on Russell Road (Illinois-Wisconsin state line). Members were interested in the cost-sharing option but wanted more information from Wisconsin DNR and the USGS. Members were also open to using other organizations and/or working only with the Wisconsin DNR to carry out the project.

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## **7. New business**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **8. Member remarks**

There were no member remarks.

## **9. Next meeting:**

- a. DRWW Executive Board meeting: October 16, 2025 at 2:00pm, Lake County Division of Transportation (600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Conference Room A)

## **10. Adjournment**

Motion by Glowacki, seconded by Waters to adjourn. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Kendzior adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.