EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2026
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**
   Brian Kuebker, DRWW President alternate, called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

2. **Roll call**
   Anna Niedzinski, DRWW Coordinator, performed roll call. Members present: **Brian Kuebker**, Village of Libertyville (Alternate President); **Chuck Bodden**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); **Gary Glowacki**, Lake County Forest Preserve District; **Rob Flood**, NSWRD; and **Alana Bartolai**, Lake County Health Department. A quorum was present.

   Others present: Zoe Schaaf, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC); attending virtually Ashley Strelcheck, Lake County SMC.

3. **Public comment**
   There was no public comment.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
   a. ***07/16/26 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes**
      Bodden motioned to approve the 07/16/26 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Glowacki. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. **DRWW financials**
   a. ****Expenditures-revenue invoice(s) ratification**
      Niedzinski presented two (2) expenditures for ratification. Flood motioned to ratify the expenditures-revenues as presented, seconded by Bodden. Roll Call: Kuebker – aye, Bodden – aye, Glowacki – aye, Flood – aye, Bartolai – abstain; motion passed (4-0-1).

   b. **DRWW Budget Review**
      Niedzinski presented the current budget. There were no questions on this item.

   c. **Discussion of FY2027 DRWW Budget**
      The Board discussed the draft FY2027 budget, including projected costs for monitoring, the super gauge, and other planned activities. Niedzinski will add an estimated cost for the super gauge and potentially include an estimated cost for microbial source tracking.

   d. **Discussion of FY2027 DRWW Membership Dues**

The Board discussed the draft FY2027 membership dues. Membership dues are expected to remain at the current levels. Bodden suggested having a more detailed discussion of the dues at a future meeting when more Board members are present.

6. Old business
   a. **USGS Next Generation Water Observation Station (NGWOS) at Russell Road Proposal Update**
   Niedzinski provided an update on the proposed USGS NGWOS super gauge at Russell Road. The proposal remains under USGS review. The proposal is anticipated by the end of September or early October, with additional information expected at the next Board meeting.

7. **New business**
   a. **Monitoring Committee Updates**
   Flood presented to the Board a summary of Monitoring Committee discussion. The Committee reviewed the 2026 monitoring data and discussed the 2027 Monitoring Strategy. There was a consensus to modify the formatting and placement of specific sections of the strategy to clarify monitoring activities that are being performed. The Committee discussed potentially starting a microbial source tracking program for the Des Plaines River focused on several areas with elevated levels of E. coli.

8. **Member remarks**
   Bodden announced to the Board several changes which have occurred at the Illinois EPA. IEPA combined departments and promoted Yetunde Agbesola to the position of Water Quality Standards & Watershed Management Section Manager. Formerly, these section manager positions were filled by the now retired Scott Twait and Christine Davis. The Illinois EPA is looking to hire additional staff before reviewing Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plans (NARPs).

9. **Next Meeting:**
   DRWW Executive Board meeting: October 15, 2026 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 2:31pm.