



Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Minutes
4/18/2024 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.

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; **Nick Huber**, Lake County Forest Preserve District; **Chris Johnson**, Sierra Club; **Brian Kuebker**, Village of Libertyville; and **Jim Bland**, EPS, Inc. A quorum was present.

Others present: Anna Niedzinski, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC); Christine Morris, Lake County Public Works; Chuck Bodden, NSWRD; Rob Flood, NSWRD; Steve Stickler, Donohue and Associates; Greg Walsh, Donohue and Associates; Ashley Strelcheck Lake County SMC (attending virtually); and Chris Yoder, Midwest Biodiversity Institute (attending virtually).

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Bartolai, seconded by Kuebker to approve the 03/21/24 Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Old Business

a. MBI “Biological and Water Quality Assessment of Upper Des Plaines River 2022” Draft Report Discussion

Chris Yoder, Midwest Biodiversity Institute, presented the status of the draft report and addressed global comments provided by the Monitoring Committee. MBI provided written responses to comments within the original draft document. A revised draft has been distributed to the DRWW Monitoring Committee and Executive Board. All comments are due back to MBI by May 1, 2024. MBI will then provide a final document for approval at the June 2024 meeting.

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b. NARP Implementation and Schedule Discussion: Administrative and Actions to Address Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Nuisance Algae Impairments

The Monitoring Committee discussed items from the NARP Implementation Plan, the two categories that were discussed were Administrative Actions and Actions to Address Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Nuisance Algae Impairments. The committee is still waiting to get feedback from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (ILEPA). Until a response is received the DRWW will continue to provide two (2) newsletters annually with the membership, with an addition of a section highlighting phosphorus reducing programs and resources. For actions to address dissolved oxygen (DO) and nuisance algae impairments, the committee will maintain contact with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). With a goal to follow-up with WDNR for a status update on their TMDL on an annual basis. The committee wants to implement an annual update on the status of POTW upgrades and their phosphorus effluent status. The committee agreed that an update will be needed for the monitoring program.

6. New Business

a. LCHD 2024 Monitoring Summary

Bartolai reported that the Health Department has no new updates, the next collection of samples will be collected in May 2024.

b. Validation of Illinois EPA and DRWW Monitoring Station Codes discussion

Bartolai requested any documents from NSWRD and SMC concerning IEPA and DRWW Monitoring Site ID's, as there are discrepancies in locations and site names.

c. *Monitoring Committee Alternate Member Consideration: Linda Tilton

Motion by Huber, seconded by Bartolai, to nominate Linda Tilton as the alternate Monitoring Committee for Johnson. Motion passed five (5) votes in favor and one (1) abstaining.

d. DRWW May 2024 Newsletter

Niedzinski updated the board on the status on the DRWW 2024 May Newsletter, a draft will be sent in May 2024 for review and comment with a final version for approval at the June 20, 2024 meeting.

7. Member Comments

There were no member comments.

8. Next Meeting(s)

- a. Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting June 16, 2024 at 12:30pm (LCDOT Conference Room A)

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kuebker, seconded by Johnson. Motion passed with unanimous vote. Waters adjourned the meeting at 1:51pm.

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