



Lakes Committee Meeting

01/25/2024

10:00 AM

2nd Floor Conference Room, Central Permit Facility
500 W. Winchester Road Libertyville, IL 60048

Agenda

1. Call the meeting to order

Alana Bartolai, Lakes Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01.

2. Roll call

Anna Niedzinski, DRWW Coordinator performed role call. Members present: **Alana Bartolai**, Lake County Health Department (LCHD); **Rob Flood**, Northshore Water Reclamation District, Gages Lake Conservation Committee; **Gerard Urbanozo**, LCHD; **Nick Huber**, Lake County Forest Preserve District; and **James Bland**, EPS, Inc.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. October 26, 2023 Lakes Committee Meeting Minutes

Huber motioned to approve the October 26, 2023 Lakes Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bland. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

5. Old Business

a. NARP Update

The DRWW Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP) 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 Publicly Owned Treatments Works need to submit a request for permit modification to the Illinois EPA 90 days after submittal of the NARP. The Monitoring Committee will be meeting with the Illinois EPA for clarification.

b. Update of Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program Support Letter to IEPA

Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA) recently met with the Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) to get the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) reinstated. The IEC was amenable to restarting the VLMP and will lobby to get budgeting from the State of Illinois.

There are still volunteer organizations in Lake County that are still collecting monitoring data of local lakes.

c. Illinois EPA Triennial Review Update

The Illinois EPA in December 2023 released three (3) topics that they are prioritizing; they include updates to procedures for determining water quality criteria, evaluating designated recreational uses in the Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal and South Fork of the South Branch Chicago River, and addressing US EPA disapprovals for Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) recreation. Illinois EPA released a document on their website addressing comments received during the public comment period.

6. New Business

a. DRWW 2024 Lake Education Discussion

LCHD was unable to plan a December 2023 education event. In 2024 LCHD is planning several education events. LCHD hopes to host several webinars and in-person events with topics including carp removal, E. coli, and water quality. As well as a workshop on aquatic invasive species. In 2023 LCHD partnered with ILMA to host an event on Gages Lakes which was well attended, and LCHD hopes to partner with them again in 2024.

7. Member Comments

ILMA will be hosting their annual conference March 2024 in Peoria, Illinois.

8. Meeting Dates

- a. Next Scheduled Lakes Committee Meeting: 10:00 AM July 25, 2024
LCDOT Conference Room, 600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Bland, seconded by Huber. Motion passed with unanimous vote, Bartolai adjourned the meeting at 10:44.