



Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes
7/18/2024 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 12:33.

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 Health Department (LCHD); **Gary Glowacki**, Lake County Forest Preserve District; **Chris Johnson**, Sierra Club; **Brian Kuebker**, Village of Libertyville; and **Don Wilson**, EPS, Inc. A quorum was present.

Others present: Anna Niedzinski, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC); Chuck Bodden, NSWRD; Rob Flood, NSWRD; Christine Morris, Lake County Public Works; Linda Tilton, Sierra Club; Steve Tilton, Sierra Club; Greg Walsh, Donohue; Steve Stickler, Donohue; and Tom Morthorst, Village of Third Lake.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. *06/20/24 Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kuebker, seconded by Bartolai to approve the 06/20/24 Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Old Business

a. LCHD 2024 Monitoring Update

Bartolai provided an update to the Monitoring Committee, LCHD performed the July monitoring activities this week. Many sites were experiencing flood conditions which may affect test results, but no sample sites were missed. In the past when LCHD were unable to sample due to low flow or construction the site was skipped and not resampled. LCHD would like guidance on what to do when unable to collect.

b. Burkholder Comments on Submitted NARP Report Discussion

The Monitoring Committee had a follow-up discussion on the comments written by Dr. JoAnn Burkholder on the DRWW Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP) Report, that were submitted

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to the Illinois EPA by Albert Ettinger. Since the June Monitoring Committee meeting Chuck Bodden, NSWRD, reported back from the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies (IAWA). Several workgroup members have received comments and are individually reaching out to the Illinois EPA for clarification, none of them have received direction from the Illinois EPA. Niedzinski reached out to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to attend the July meeting to provide clarification, with no response from the Illinois EPA. Jim Bland, EPS Inc., reached out to Dr. JoAnn Burkholder to discuss the comments to the DRWW NARP report. Wilson reported on behalf of Bland that Dr. Burkholder is willing to do a video conference, at no cost, with the Monitoring Committee to explain her comments. The Monitoring Committee will wait for response from the Illinois EPA and will tentatively meet with Dr. Burkholder at the September Monitoring Committee meeting. Niedzinski will continue to reach out to the Illinois EPA to set up a meeting.

6. New Business

a. NARP Implementation and Schedule Discussion: Actions to Provide Ancillary Benefits – Urban

The Monitoring Committee discussed Actions to Provide Ancillary Benefits for Urban areas category of the NARP Implementation Plan and Schedule. The Monitoring Committee would like to work with members to collect phosphorus and hydromodification materials to share with the general membership. It was noted that during the NARP development process it was difficult getting feedback from DRWW members. The committee agreed that more outreach to the communities will be necessary to make this objective work, and to start by announcing plans and projects at the annual DRWW meetings. The North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) has been working on a water quality summary project, the Monitoring Committee showed interest in the project and after the conclusion of NBWW water quality summary project discuss whether to do a similar project, which would help illustrate and explain the status of the watershed to potential stakeholders. The Monitoring Committee also recommended several education items to the Lakes Committee for further discussion.

7. Member Comments

Catherine Siders, compliance manager for the Bureau of Water at the Illinois EPA, is retiring at the end of the month. The Illinois EPA has given no word on her replacement.

8. Next Meeting(s)

- a. DRWW Annual General Membership Meeting August 15, 2024 at 1:30pm (Location TBD)
- b. Monitoring/Water Quality Improvements Committee Meeting September 19, 2024 at 12:30pm (LCDOT Conference Room A)

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Glowacki, seconded by Kuebker. Motion passed with unanimous vote. Waters adjourned the meeting at 1:34pm.

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