



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

September 19, 2024 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 2:00 pm.

### 2. Roll call

Anna Niedzinski, DRWW Coordinator, performed roll call. **Paul Kendzior**, Village of Libertyville (President); **Joel Sensenig**, Lake County Public Works; **Rob Flood**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (Monitoring Committee Chair); and **Alana Bartolai**, Lake County Health Department (Lakes Committee Chair). A quorum was present.

Others present: Anna Niedzinski, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC); and Brian Kuebker, Village of Libertyville; with Ashley Strelcheck, Lake County SMC attending virtually.

### 3. Public comment

There was no public comment.

### 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

#### a. \*07/18/24 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes

Sensenig motioned to approve the 7/18/24 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bartolai. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### 5. DRWW financials

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

Flood motioned to ratify the presented revenues-expenditures as presented, seconded by Sensenig. There were no questions on this agenda item.

- i. Roll Call: Kendzior, Sensenig, Flood, Bartolai
- ii. Motion Passed 3-0-1, with Bartolai abstaining.

#### b. DRWW budget

Niedzinski presented the FY2024 DRWW current budget. There were no questions on this agenda item.

### 6. Old business

#### a. Monitoring Committee updates

Flood presented an update on Monitoring Committee discussion and activities. The Lake County Health Department completed water quality monitoring for September, they encountered several dry sites and were unable to collect samples. There was discussion on the 2025 Monitoring Plan which will remain the same. There was discussion of potentially expanding the DRWW monitoring plan to include additional nutrient testing. More discussion and deliberation need to be done before an expanded monitoring plan is

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implemented. Potentially the new monitoring plan will go into effect in 2026. Members of the Monitoring Committee met with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive guidance concerning the comments from Albert Ettinger critical of the methodology, modeling, and key takeaways of the DRWW NARP report and the overall NARP process.

## 7. New business

### a. Ettinger and Sierra Club comments on NARPs submitted discussion

Flood shared an overview of the Ettinger and Sierra Club comments. The Illinois EPA received another letter from Ettinger critical of the NARP process and reports submitted so far. The letter recommends that the Illinois EPA rejects all NARPs submitted due to a lack of stakeholder involvement, and incomplete water quality target levels and reduction plans, and that agencies should be given until the end of 2025 to resubmit the NARP. Illinois EPA recommended that the DRWW respond to the original comments and the most recent comments.

### b. Geosyntec Proposal to Address Comments to the DRWW NARP review

Flood presented the Geosyntec proposal of \$17,000 to address both letters which the Monitoring Committee tabled until Geosyntec can provide a breakdown of the task items between the two documents. The Executive Board discussed waiting until the end of the year to receive more comments and then addressing all the comments at once. The Executive Board wants Geosyntec to provide a breakdown of the task items (which would include position, hourly rate and number of hours) between the two documents that justifies the cost of the proposal.

### c. FY25 contracts and expenditures discussion

Niedzinski did an overview of the fiscal year 2025 budget. The Monitoring Committee discussed the possibility of having a water quality summary report like the project that the North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) has been working on, which would help illustrate the status of the watershed to potential stakeholders in an accessible way and a placeholder cost was put in the budget.

### d. FY25 DRWW membership dues and budget discussion

Niedzinski did an overview of the Fiscal Year 2025 membership dues. Executive Board wants the 2025 base dues to stay the same as the Fiscal Year 2024 Membership dues, pending IEPA approval of the DRWW NARP.

## 8. Member remarks

Niedzinski announced that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) will be hosting a webinar on the updates for the Fox Illinois River Basin TMDL Project on September 25, 2024.

## 9. Next meeting:

- a. DRWW Executive Board meeting: October 17, 2024 at 2:00pm, Lake County Division of Transportation (600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Conference Room A)

## 10. Adjournment

Motion by Flood, seconded by Bartolai to adjourn. Motion passed with unanimous vote. Kendzior adjourned the meeting at 2:25pm.

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