



EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

October 17, 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); **Michael Talbett**, Village of Kildeer; **Joel Sensenig**, Lake County Public Works (LCPW); **Gary Glowacki**, Lake County Forest Preserve District; **Steve Waters**, NSWRD (Monitoring Committee Chair); and **Alana Bartolai**, Lake County Health Department (Lakes Committee Chair). A quorum was present. **Chuck Bodden**, North Shore Water Reclamation District, arrived at the meeting after the approval of the meeting minutes at 2:03 pm.

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

3. Public comment no comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. *09/19/24 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes

Sensenig motioned to approve the 9/19/24 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

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

- i. Roll Call: Kendzior, Bodden, Talbett, Sensenig, Glowacki, Waters, Bartolai
- ii. Motion Passed 6-0-1, 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

Waters presented an update on Monitoring Committee discussion and activities. Adreienne Nemura, Geosyntec, virtually attended the Monitoring Committee meeting to answer questions concerning Geosyntec's proposal to address comments to the DRWW Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP), after discussion the Monitoring Committee voted to table the proposal. There was discussion on the NARP implantation plan concerning agriculture inputs and stream restoration projects; the Monitoring Committee wants to reach out to the Lake County Farm Bureau, NRCS, and to reach out to the DRWW membership concerning projects that are occurring in the watershed. Bodden received the contact information for the United States Geological

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Survey (USGS) Next Generation Water Observation Station (NGWOS), the Monitoring Committee will plan to meet with the USGS to try to get the USGS to establish a NGWOS at the Wisconsin-Illinois border. The Monitoring Committee approved Christine Morris as the new alternate for LCPW.

b. FY25 contracts and expenditures discussion add 20,00 for Geosyntec

Niedzinski did an overview of the fiscal year 2025 contracts and expenditures. The Executive Board wanted to include \$20,000 for the Geosyntec proposal to address comments to the DRWW NARP to accommodate additional comments received and any consultant rate changes as a placeholder.

c. FY25 DRWW membership dues and budget discussion

Niedzinski did an overview of the draft Fiscal Year 2025 membership dues and budget. There were no questions on this agenda item.

d. Geosyntec Proposal to Address Comments to the DRWW NARP discussion

The Monitoring Committee tabled the proposal until Dr. Burkholder can present the comments or until the January 2025 meeting. The Illinois EPA recommended that the DRWW respond to the comments, however a timeline to respond was not provided. The Executive Board will further discuss this agenda item at the January 2025 meeting.

7. New business

a. Overview and discussion of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fox-Illinois River TMDL Update

Waters and Bodden provided an overview of the Fox-Illinois River Basin TMDL Project Update webinar which occurred on September 25, 2024. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) finished completing their model of the watershed and soon will be inputting data to run different watershed scenarios. The WDNR is working with the Illinois EPA concerning TMDL within the Chain of Lakes, but have no immediate plans to work with the DRWW. A recording and slides of the webinar is available on the WDNR website, and the modeling report is open for public comment until December 6, 2024. There was discussion about if it would be appropriate to have the WDNR to comment on the DRWW NARP.

8. Member remarks

The Waukegan Airport is expanding its runway into the Des Plaines river watershed, and are currently in the process of performing their second environmental review. After discussion it would be good to monitor the expansion and the environmental assessment.

9. Next meeting:

- a. DRWW Executive Board meeting: November 21, 2024 at 2:00pm, Lake County Division of Transportation (600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Conference Room A)

10. Adjournment

Motion by Glowacki, seconded by Bodden to adjourn. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Kendzior adjourned the meeting at 2:37pm.

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