



EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA

November 21, 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 2:01 pm.

2. Roll call

Anna Niedzinski, DRWW Coordinator, performed roll call. **Paul Kendzior**, Village of Libertyville (President); **Chuck Bodden**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); **Michael Talbett**, Village of Kildeer; **Austin McFarlane**, Lake County Public Works; **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.

Others present: Anna Niedzinski, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC); Tom Morthorst, Village of Third Lake; Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec Consultants; 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. *10/17/24 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes

McFarlane motioned to approve the 10/17/24 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Glowacki. Motion passed with a unanimous vote

5. DRWW financials

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

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

- i. Roll Call: Kendzior, Bodden, Talbett, McFarlane, 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.

c. **Approval of FY2025 DRWW Budget

Talbett motioned to approve the FY2025 DRWW Budget, seconded by Bartolai.

Questions:

- 1) After Dr. Burkholder's presentation, should the placeholder cost for Geosyntec be increased? No, Geosyntec will be addressing the technical comments provided by Dr. Burkholder. The proposal cost also has the 2025 rate change.
- 2) Why are we contracting Geosyntec to respond to comments on the NARP? During a phone call with Illinois EPA the agency recommended that the DRWW respond to the comments. The DRWW wanted to talk to Dr. Burkholder before proceeding with the comments to avoid a back-and-forth with the Illinois EPA.
 - i. Roll Call: Kendzior, Bodden, Talbett, McFarlane, Glowacki, Waters, Bartolai
 - ii. Motion Passed 7-0-0

d. **Approval of FY2025 DRWW Membership Dues

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Glowacki motioned to approve the FY2025 DRWW Membership Dues, seconded by Talbett. There were no questions on this agenda item.

- i. Roll Call: Kendzior, Bodden, Talbett, McFarlane, Glowacki, Waters, Bartolai
- ii. Motion Passed 7-0-0

e. **Approval of LCHD Water Quality Monitoring contract FY2025

Talbett motioned to approve the FY2025 LCHD Water Quality Monitoring contract, seconded by Bodden. There were no questions on this agenda item.

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

f. FY2025 SMC DRWW contract review

SMC has a standing contract with the DRWW to provide administrative support, wherein it gets reviewed annually to assess if changes need to be made by either party. The Executive Board would like the names of the contract to be updated during FY2025.

6. Old business

a. Monitoring Committee updates

i. Overview of Dr. Burkholder presentation

Dr. JoAnn Burkholder, Center for Applied Aquatic Ecology, North Carolina State University, presented comments on the DRWW Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP) to the Monitoring Committee. Two remarks from the presentation include that the model was poorly calibrated due to incorrect assumptions based on incomplete data and that the model should have asked what level of treatment is needed to reach attainment of the waterbody. It was a thorough critique of the NARP report, and the comments are something to incorporate. Due to the limited time available Dr. Burkholder was unable to answer questions and there was no time for discussion. The Monitoring Committee will discuss it more at the January meeting.

ii. Overview of USGS Next Generation Water Observing System (NGWOS) call

There was a call between DRWW and the USGS concerning the feasibility of installing a Next-Generation Water Observing System (NGWOS) at the Illinois-Wisconsin border near Russel Road. The USGS currently has a gage there where the agency can power the NGWOS. The USGS recommended that the DRWW sign on for a three-year monitoring term. The cost proposal will be dependent on what parameters the DRWW is interested in measuring and the cost to maintain the NGWOS. The Monitoring Committee will discuss this further at the January meeting.

7. New business

a. Lakes Committee Updates

The Lakes Committee discussed several items of the NARP Implementation plan that were recommended by the Monitoring Committee. The implementation plan mentions addressing phosphorus through leaf collection. The Lake Committee is drafting a survey on municipal leaf collection to collect data on municipal practices.

b. *Approval DRWW FY2025 Meeting Schedule

There were no questions on this agenda item. Waters motioned to approve the DRWW FY25 Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Talbett. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

c. 2024 DRWW Annual Newsletter Discussion

Niedzinski is assembling the FY2024 Annual Accomplishments Newsletter and provided a summary of articles that will be included in the newsletter. A draft copy of the newsletter will be available for comment in December.

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8. Member remarks

Morthorst remarked that the Annual Newsletter should mention Dr. Burkholder's presentation to the Monitoring Committee.

Niedzinski announced that the Illinois Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be developing a Watershed Plan/Environmental Assessment (Plan/EA) for the Upper Des Plaines River Watershed in 2025. The NRCS will be having a meeting on December 10th at 1:30pm at the Central Permit Facility.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has two draft reports on the Fox-Illinois river TMDL open for public comment and will be accepting written comments through Dec. 6, 2024.

9. Next meeting:

- a. DRWW Executive Board meeting: January 16, 2025 at 2:00pm, Lake County Division of Transportation (600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Conference Room A)

10. Adjournment

Motion by Glowacki, seconded by Talbett to adjourn. Motion passed with unanimous vote. Kendzior adjourned the meeting at 2:36pm.

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