



**Lakes Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**10/24/2024 10:00-11:00 AM**  
**Lake County Division of Transportation**  
**600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048**

**Discussion and Possible Approval of the Following:**

**1. Call the meeting to order**

Alana Bartolai, Lakes Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02.

**2. Roll call**

Anna Niedzinski, DRWW Coordinator performed role call. Members present: **Alana Bartolai**, Lake County Health Department (LCHD); **Gerard Urbanozo**, LCHD; **Rob Flood**, Northshore Water Reclamation District, Gages Lake Conservation Committee; **Tom Morthorst**, Village of Third Lake; and **Nick Huber**, Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD). A quorum was present. James Bland, EPS, Inc. entered at 10:11am.

Others present: Anna Niedzinski Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC); Alyssa Casey, Sylvan Lake Improvement Association; and Tom Casey, Loch Lomond Lake Management. With Ashley Strelcheck, Lake County SMC, attending virtually.

**3. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**a. \*July 25, 2024 Lakes Committee Meeting Minutes**

Morthorst motioned to approve July 25, 2024 Lakes Committee Meeting minutes. Motion passed with consensus vote.

**5. Old Business**

**a. DRWW 2024 Lake Education Update**

Bartolai provided an update on the DRWW 2024 Lake Education initiatives. LCHD is planning on setting up a lakes education forum to be held January/February 2025. LCHD did several education events with schools in the Des Plaines River watershed; which included Libertyville High School, Buffalo Grove High School, and St. Patrick's school in Wadsworth. There are plans to expand it to more high schools and maybe combining a couple high schools. Some topics that are covered are water quality testing, electrofishing, seining, and macroinvertebrates. LCHD also tells the students of internships that are available in the county. LCHD hosted two (2) aquatic invasive species events one at Third Lake and at Sterling Lakes with ILMA. Gages Lake did a carp derby in early June, and a carp removal project with IDNR in 2024.

Questions: For the School Events who determines who attends? When LCHD did this in 2023 it was only open for AP classes and science classes. This year any student who was interested was able to participate.

**b. Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) Update**

Bland provided an update to the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program. Bland stated that Riverwatch acknowledged they could administer the VLMP, however there is no funding available. The Lakes Committee will follow-up with IEPA, they recently had an increase in their staffing and may have the capacity to resume the VLMP program.

**6. New Business**

**a. DRWW General Membership Leaf Collection Survey Review**

The Lakes Committee reviewed and discussed the Leaf Collection Survey, that will be distributed at the February DRWW General Meeting. Several questions were removed to focus the survey more on leaf collection and less on street sweeping. A modified draft of the leaf survey will be sent to the Lakes Committee members in December for final comment. After final comments are received, they will be incorporated and then sent to the January 16, 2025 Monitoring Committee and Executive Board meetings for approval.

**b. 2025 Lake Education Event Plan Discussion**

The Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA) will be hosting their Annual Conference March 17-19<sup>th</sup> in Northbrook. LCHD will be hosting a fish identification workshop at that event. LCHD will be partnering with ILMA to hosting an invasive plant forum in late January early February to be open to Lakes Management Associations.

**7. Member Comments**

Bland would like to discuss with Bartolai and the LCHD about increasing the amount of phosphorous testing for lakes, to assess inputs into lakes.

Dr. JoAnn Burkholder will be presenting her comments on the DRWW Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP) to the November 21, 2024 Monitoring Committee meeting, the meeting is open to the public. If there are any questions for Dr. Burkholder, email them to Niedzinski.

Flood had a question on activated charcoal bales in front of outfalls and if they are an effective method. Tom Casey, Loch Lomond, stated that Loch Lomond tried to do the bales, but without the monitoring hard to see if there was a difference, and the bales get very heavy once saturated.

Tom Casey, Loch Lomond, would like a beneficial plant page available for lakes management association.

**8. Meeting Dates**

- a. Next Scheduled Lakes Committee Meeting: January 23, 2025 at 10:00am  
LCDOT Conference Room, 600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048

**9. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Flood, seconded by Huber. Motion passed with unanimous vote, Bartolai adjourned the meeting at 11:04.