



EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA

January 16, 2025 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 2:03 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); Brian Kuebker, Village of Libertyville; Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec Consultants; and Ashley Strelcheck, Lake County SMC.

3. Public comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. *11/21/24 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes

Talbett motioned to approve the 11/21/24 DRWW Executive Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bodden. 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 Waters. There were no questions on this agenda item.

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

b. DRWW budget

i. FY2024 Budget

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

ii. FY2025 Budget

Niedzinski presented the FY2025 DRWW current budget. There were no questions on this agenda item.

6. Old business

a. Monitoring Committee updates

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The Monitoring Committee discussed Dr. Burkholder's presentation. There is a member of the Committee who is concerned about the validity of the DRWW NARP. Most of the Committee members want to go forward with Geosyntec proposal addressing Dr. Burkholder's comments. The Monitoring Committee will address the additional comments received from the Sierra Club concerning stakeholder engagement. The Illinois EPA is recommending that the Workgroups respond to comments received. Bodden responded that the Illinois EPA is reviewing the NARPs on a watershed basis and working with workgroups.

7. New business

a. Discussion of Dr. Burkholder's Monitoring Committee Presentation

The Executive Board discussed Dr. Burkholder's presentation. The Board thought Dr. Burkholder was highly credible and the points she raised were very well supported. The response from the DRWW will need to be equally credible to defend the model. It was mentioned that there is a fear that the Illinois EPA will issue the permits and a stakeholder agency will appeal the permit.

b. Overview of the NRCS Upper Des Plaines River Watershed Plan Meeting

Niedzinski provided an overview at the Illinois Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) meeting. NRCS had a public meeting on December 10 going over the Watershed Plan/Environmental Assessment (Plan/EA) for the Upper Des Plaines River Watershed in 2024-2025. The primary goal of the project is to reduce flooding in the watershed. Secondary project goals are environmental protection, improving habitat, and increase recreational opportunities. There was a question about if NRCS is looking at water quality from the IL-WI border. The NRCS is primarily looking at flood control with water quality secondary. The Board is interested in being kept informed of developments.

c. *Executive Board Primary Member Consideration: Austin McFarlane

Motion by Waters, seconded by Talbett, to nominate MacFarlane from alternate to primary Executive Board member to replace Joel Sensenig who resigned. The motion passed, with one (1) abstaining.

d. *Lake Committee Leaf Collection Survey Approval

Bartolai presented the Lakes Committee leaf disposal survey to the Executive Board for approval. There were no questions on this agenda item. Motion by Bodden, second by Glowacki to approve of the Lakes Committee Leaf Disposal Survey. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

e. *2024 DRWW Annual Newsletter Approval

Niedzinski presented the 2024 DRWW Annual Newsletter to the Executive Board for approval. There were no questions on this agenda item. Motion by Talbett, second by Bartolai to recommend approval of the 2024 DRWW Annual Newsletter. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

f. Lake-McHenry County MS4 Workshop Sponsorship Discussion

Niedzinski informed the Executive Board that Lake County SMC and McHenry County will be co-hosting an MS4 Workshop on May 21st, 2025 in Libertyville. Niedzinski is the SMC project lead for this workshop. The workshop topic will either be Updates to the new MS4 permit, Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping, or Green Infrastructure. The workshop will be open to all MS4s and if the topic is Pollution Prevention or Green Infrastructure it will cover the annual training requirement. Currently SMC and McHenry are finalizing the operating costs, it is both counties' goal to provide the workshop for free of charge so will be asking for sponsorships from local stakeholders after costs are finalized.

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g. 2025 IWEA Government Affairs Conference

Niedzinski notified the Executive Board that Illinois Water Environment Association (IWEA) will be hosting a Government Affairs Conference on Friday, January 31st, 2025. The presentations will be covering integrated planning, federal and state regulation updates, and Illinois EPA Permit Updates. Niedzinski and Strelcheck will be attending the conference and will provide updates to the workgroups afterwards.

h. DRWW June 2025 Meeting Schedule Change

Niedzinski informed the Executive Board that the June Board meeting falls on June 19th, 2025, Juneteenth, which is a fixed County holiday. Lake County buildings will be closed, and Lake County staff will not be working. The Board agreed that if there are no pressing items the meeting can be cancelled, or if there are pressing items the meeting can be moved to the 4th Thursday of June. The Board would like to revisit this at the April meeting.

i. Overview of DRWW Member Protocols

Niedzinski reviewed DRWW Member Protocols, including Robert's Rules of order, Open Meetings Act (OMA) rules and clarifications, and the DRWW By-Laws with the Monitoring Committee. A reminder will be sent out to the Executive Board members who have not completed the OMA training.

8. Member remarks

Niedzinski announced that the DRWW will be having elections this year. If there are any people or agencies that will be stepping away from the Executive Board notify Kendzior and Niedzinski by January 31st, 2025. Petition(s) presenting additional nominees for the Executive Board may be submitted to the Executive Board by Workgroup members no later than 10 calendar days before the Annual Meeting. A petition must contain the signatures of Workgroup members representing a minimum of three Agency Members and each nominee's signature. Only the names of the individuals who have been nominated according to the procedures described herein will be considered, and no nominations shall be permitted from the floor.

9. Next meeting:

- a. DRWW General Membership Meeting February 20, 2025 at 1:30pm, Lake County Public Works (650 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Conference Room)
- b. DRWW Executive Board meeting: March 20, 2025 at 2:00pm, Lake County Division of Transportation (600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Conference Room A)

10. Adjournment

Motion by Glowacki, seconded by Waters to adjourn. Motion passed with unanimous vote. Kendzior adjourned the meeting at 2:42pm.