

NORTH BRANCH CHICAGO RIVER WATERSHED WORKGROUP SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday, February 23, 2022 * 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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1. Introductions

Brandon Janes, North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) President, welcomed attendees at 9:00 am to the February 23, 2022 NBWW Special General Membership Meeting. The meeting was held virtually, and Ashley Strelcheck performed roll call of NBWW members and asked for designated NBWW voting delegates (meeting attendees and roll call sheet below). A total of 27 members (tallying 97 votes) were in attendance, so an NBWW meeting quorum was present (see the roll call sheet and meeting participants list below).

2. Public Comment – None

3. NBWW Business

a. NBWW Financials

FY2022 NBWW Budget & FY2022 NBWW Membership Dues: Brandon Janes presented the FY2022 NBWW budget and proposed membership dues. The general membership also asked Ashley to draft an NBWW NARP Memo to better explain the increase in costs that can be used by members to present to their Boards and Committees before the February 23, 2022 meeting. First Motion: Ramesh Kanapareddy, City of Highland Park, Second Motion: Matt Ueltzen, Lake County Forest Preserve District. The motion passed 21-4-2 via roll call vote (see results below). Abstain: Gastfield (Vernon & West Deerfield Township); James; Dane. Nays: Cho (Village of Bannockburn & Northfield).

Question/Answer during public comment: Is today's vote for increased membership dues just for FY2022 or anticipated for future years? Today's vote is just for FY2022 increased dues, we cannot say what future dues will be because it will depend on the 2022 monitoring results (Outcome A or B table).

b. Old Business

c. New Business

4. Member Remarks

Prusila made a comment that the Illinois EPA sent out a Draft 2020-2022 Integrated Water Quality Report Public Notice and suggested that SMC send this email out to NBWW members (Strelcheck agreed). Strelcheck noted that she will add "review of the NBWW financial timeline" as a meeting agenda item at an upcoming NBWW Executive Board meeting for discussion based on recent comments requesting more time for members to review financials.

5. Next NBWW General Membership Meeting: May 11, 2022

6. Adjournment – 9:24 am

First Motion: Matt Farmer, Village of Northbrook, Second Motion: Ramesh Kanapareddy, City of Highland Park. The motion passed 27-0 via roll call vote (see results below).

North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup Meeting Attendees

Name	Organization
Adam James	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
Al Giertych	Lake County Division of Transportation

Name	Organization
Ashley Strelcheck	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
Ben Gordon	Hey & Associates
Benjamin Metzler	RHMG & Village of Green Oaks
Brandon Janes	Village of Deerfield
Bud Reed	East Skokie Drainage District
Chris Tomich	Village of Morton Grove
Chuck Bodden	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Dave Miller	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Deb Kutska	Cook County
Jack Bielak	Village of Northbrook
James Tigue	Village of Glencoe
John McNelis	Cook County
Justin Vick	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Karolina Cho	Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.; Village of Bannockburn; Village of Northfield; Village of Riverwoods
Kate Amoruso	Village of Wilmette
Leon Rockingham	City of North Chicago
Leonard Dane	Deuchler Environmental, Inc.
Matt Farmer	Village of Northbrook
Matt Ueltzen	Lake County Forest Preserve District
Mia Gerace	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
Michael Warner	Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.
Mike Prusila	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
Ramesh Kanapareddy	City of Highland Park
Rob Flood	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Robert Pilat	Village of Niles
Robyn Flakne	Village of Glenview
Sam Barghi	Village of Lincolnshire
Steve Silic	Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Todd Gedville	Vernon Township
Tracy Gastfield	Vernon Township & West Deerfield Township