



NBWW Monitoring and Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Patty Turner Center, 375 Elm Street Deerfield, IL 60015

NBWW MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Introductions & Roll Call

Rob Flood, North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) Monitoring Committee Chair, called the NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee meeting to order at 12:30pm.

Monitoring Committee members present were **Rob Flood**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); **Debbie Antilitz**, Forest Preserve District of Cook County; **Larry Bridges**, East Skokie Drainage District; **Chris Johnson**, Illinois Sierra Club; and **Leonard Dane**, Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental. A roll call and introductions were performed.

2. Public Comment – None

3. Approve July 13, 2022 NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes

Bridges motioned to accept the July 13, 2022, NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Dane. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

- a. **Approve by Appointment, Member-at-Large, Chris Johnson, Illinois Sierra Club (Alternate Rosemary Heilemann):** A motion was made by Bridges to accept this appointment pending Sierra Clubs paid membership dues, seconded by Dane. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- b. **Nominations for Monitoring Committee Member Vacancy:** Gerace reminded the Monitoring Committee that there is a vacancy on the Monitoring Committee to be filled. Suggestions from the Committee included the Lake County Health Department, City of Waukegan (pending membership dues payment) and the City of Lake Forest. Ashley Strelcheck will follow-up with these entities.
- c. **FY22 MBI Contract Amendment:** Chris Yoder, MBI is requesting an FY22 no-cost time extension contract amendment to complete the 2020-2021 Monitoring Report until March 2023. A motion to recommend to the NBWW Executive Board to approve this amendment was made by Dane, seconded by Bridges. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.
- d. **IPS Report – Request for Comments:** Mia mentioned that Stephen McCracken is willing to receive any additional IPS Report comments until the end of the week. The Committee members discussed the NARP related language in the IPS Report and the requirements of the NARP and IPS related to permits. Given the report is not being submitted right away to the Illinois EPA the NBWW would like to stay in touch with Stephen if any additional steps are taken with the report.
- e. **NSWRD 2022 Water Quality Sampling Results:** Rob Flood, Committee Chair, provided the Monitoring Committee with hard copies of the data that North Shore Water Reclamation District collected and



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analyzed for the North Branch Chicago River from February to September. He pointed out some high levels of the chloride and E.coli at some of the monitoring sites. Bridges asked where it might be coming from. Flood responded that it comes from warm-blooded animals but that genetic testing would be necessary to determine if the E. Coli bacteria is coming from humans and/or other animals.

- f. **Illinois EPA Workgroup Data Submission** - Rob Flood has been emailing with the Illinois EPA about workgroup data submission for the 2024 Integrated Report. The Illinois EPA receives NBWW annual monitoring data as part of the NPDES permitting requirements. The format of NBWW's data would need to be altered for the Integrated Report submission. Given the large amount of time that it would take to translate NBWW's data into the Illinois EPA's accepted format, Rob is going to reach out to the other local watershed workgroups to compose a letter from the local workgroups to the Illinois EPA about this formatting issue.
- g. **NARP Update:** Brian Valleskey gave an update on the NBWW NARP. All of the 2022 sampling has been completed and Geosyntec demobilized the first week of October. Geosyntec will be analyzing the data and providing NBWW with an update on the next steps for potential Outcome A or B recommendation. This Outcome will be presenting with the financial recommendations at the November 9, 2022 NBWW meetings.

6. Member Remarks

- a. Illinois River Study Group Meeting on Wednesday, November 9 from 1-4pm (virtual option offered) – This meeting conflicts with the November 9, 2022 NBWW Monitoring Committee and Executive Board meetings. Ashley Strelcheck will try and get a recording of this meeting and share with the members.
- b. Mia Gerace, Stormwater Coordinator SMC Resignation – Today is Mia's last day as the NBWW Stormwater Coordinator. Mia has taken a position at DuPage County, Illinois as an Emergency Management Specialist. Although the NBWW and Lake County Stormwater Management Commission is sad to see Mia leave, congratulations and well wishes to Mia with her new position!

7. Next Meeting:

- a. November 09, 2022 NBWW Monitoring Committee Meeting, Patty Turner Center Members Room B

8. Adjournment – 1:29pm

Bridges motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dane. The motion passed unanimously.

NBWW Monitoring Committee Meeting Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Ashley Strelcheck	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, NBWW Coordinator
Brandon Janes	Village of Deerfield
Brian Valleskey	Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
Chris Johnson	Illinois Sierra Club
Chuck Bodden	North Shore Water Reclamation District



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Deborah Antlitz	Forest Preserves of Cook County
Josephine Meincke	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Larry Bridges	East Skokie Drainage District
Leonard Dane	Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental
Mia Gerace	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, NBWW Interim Coordinator
Rishab Mahajan	Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
Rob Flood	North Shore Water Reclamation District, Committee Chair