



NBWW Monitoring and Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 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 12:34pm.

Monitoring Committee members present were **Rob Flood**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); **Wally Dittrich**, Village of Lincolnshire; **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. Newly elected Monitoring Committee member **Alana Bartolai**, Lake County Health Department (LCHD), and her alternate **James Fitzgerald** were added to the roll call after agenda item 5a.

2. Public Comment – None

3. Approve October 12, 2022 NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes

Dane motioned to accept the October 12, 2022, NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Bridges. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Approve October 27, 2022 SPECIAL NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes

Dane motioned to accept the October 27, 2022, NBWW SPECIAL Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Bridges. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Old Business

a. Member Vote: Alana Bartolai, Lake County Health Dept. Eco Services Coordinator (Alternate: James Fitzgerald, Water Quality Specialist)

Dittrich motioned to approve Alana Bartolai as the new Monitoring Committee member with James Fitzgerald as her alternate, seconded by Dane. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

b. NARP Update

Brian Valleskey gave an update on the NBWW NARP. Per the October 27, 2022 NBWW Special Call Monitoring Committee meeting, Geosyntec presented to the attendees that Outcome B was necessary moving forward in development of the NBWW NARP. Between that meeting and now, Geosyntec has met with Strelcheck and NSWRD staff about additional sampling in the Skokie Lagoons and revisions to costs. Geosyntec is working with coordinate a meeting between NBWW and the Illinois EPA for a possible extension of the two POTW NPDES permit deadlines for the NARP from December 2024 to December 2025 given the cost of Outcome B. Geosyntec will review the cost and scope revisions for approval with the NBWW Executive Board, but the additional sampling in the Skokie Lagoons was agreed to be performed by NSWRD at no cost and Geosyntec will present financial options to analyze those results and integrate them into the NARP modeling efforts.



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Flood updated the Committee that NSWRD just submitted NBWW's 2018 – 2021 monitoring data to the Illinois EPA for the 2024 Integrated Report. NSWRD did not charge the NBWW for this task and will follow-up with the Committee if the submission is accepted by the Illinois EPA.

6. New Business

a. MBI Biennial Core Sampling Locations

Flood referenced the 2022 NBWW Monitoring Strategy, Monitoring Program section (Section 5, page 3) sentence "NBWW may conduct the bioassessment program at core monitoring sites (to be determined) biennially (every other year, starting 2024) to track progress of biology scores within the watershed.". Ashley Strelcheck, NBWW Coordinator, wanted to know for budgeting purposes (2023-2025 budget) if the NBWW Monitoring Committee would like to perform biennial sampling starting in 2024? Given the amount of bioassessment monitoring data that has been collected since 2018 and the focus on the NARP with large funds, the Monitoring Committee agreed not to perform the 2024 biennial bioassessment sampling. The Monitoring Committee agreed to still pursue the 2026 full bioassessment sampling for all 25 NBWW sites. Strelcheck will revise the 2022 Monitoring Strategy to reflect these changes and bring this strategy to the January 11, 2023, NBWW meeting for revisions approval.

b. 2023 NBWW Meeting Locations

Strelcheck presented a draft 2023 NBWW Meetings Schedule based on the 2022 meeting schedule approved changes. The draft schedule did not include locations and Strelcheck asked if meetings should remain at the Patty Turner Center if availability allows (given the more centralized watershed location) and Lake Forest Municipal Services Building as a back-up location. The Monitoring Committee agreed.

c. Annual Newsletter Ideas

Strelcheck requested any NBWW 2022 Annual Newsletter ideas from the Monitoring Committee. Geosyntec Consultants will be providing NARP information and photos for the newsletter. Committee members can email Strelcheck with any ideas.

7. Member Remarks

Chuck Bodden, NSWRD, mentioned that this morning NSWRD's Board approved the draft NBWW FY23 NSWRD Contract for NBWW review. This agreement will be reviewed at the NBWW Executive Board meeting at 1:30pm after an FY23 budget has been approved.

8. Next Meeting:

- a. January 11, 2023 NBWW Monitoring Committee Meeting, Location: TBD

9. Adjournment – 1:00pm

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



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NBWW Monitoring Committee Meeting Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Alana Bartolai	Lake County Health Department
Ashley Strelcheck	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, NBWW Coordinator (virtual)
Brandon Janes	Village of Deerfield
Brian Valleskey	Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
Chris Johnson	Illinois Sierra Club
Chuck Bodden	North Shore Water Reclamation District
James Fitzgerald	Lake County Health Department
Josephine Meincke	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Larry Bridges	East Skokie Drainage District
Leonard Dane	Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental
Mark Olszewski	Village of Deerfield
Mike Prusila	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
Rishab Mahajan	Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (virtual)
Rob Flood	North Shore Water Reclamation District, Committee Chair
Wally Dittrich	Village of Lincolnshire