



NBWW Monitoring and Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 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

Josephine Meincke, North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) Monitoring Committee Chair Alternate, called the NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee meeting to order at 12:39pm.

Monitoring Committee members present were **Josephine Meincke**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); **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 November 9, 2022 NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes

Bridges motioned to accept the November 09, 2022, NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Dane. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Old Business

a. NBWW 2022 Annual Newsletter Review

One revision was requested to change Chuck Bodden's name on the Monitoring Committee Chair Alternate to Josephine Meincke. No other comments or revisions requested.

b. NARP Update

Ashley Strelcheck, NBWW Coordinator, explained that the NSWRD, Village of Deerfield and Geosyntec had a phone call with the Illinois EPA to request a NARP extension for their NPDES permits. A formal letter is being drafted from the two wastewater treatment plants to the Illinois EPA formally requesting an extension from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025 with a list of reasonings. The NBWW will be updated when a response is received from the Illinois EPA. The workgroup will continue with the 2023 monitoring strategy and NARP scope of work.

5. New Business

a. NBWW 2022 Workplan & Scorecard Recommendation to Executive Board

Strelcheck presented the draft NBWW 2022 workplan and scorecard to the Monitoring Committee for comments or revisions. There were no comments or revisions at this time.

b. NBWW 2023 Monitoring Strategy Review

Strelcheck presented a draft 2023 NBWW Monitoring Strategy with redline revisions and comments. The Monitoring Committee requested that Strelcheck accept the revisions and keep any remaining comments



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for the March 8, 2023 Monitoring Committee meeting review. The Monitoring Strategy will incorporate NSWRD’s Skokie Lagoons additional sampling scope of work once that has been finalized.

c. EPA Memo Discussion: Guidance to States to Reduce Harmful PFAS at their source

Strelcheck attached an EPA Memo for “*Guidance to States to Reduce Harmful PFAS at their source*” as a discussion item for the Monitoring Committee. The Committee was interested in Strelcheck reaching out to the EPA for a presenter (for General Membership Meetings) to provide some educational background on PFAS and information as it pertains to Agency members and their permits.

6. Member Remarks - None

7. Next Meeting:

- a. NBWW General Membership Meeting: February 08, 2023, Lake Forest Municipal Services Building

8. Adjournment – 1:20pm

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 (virtual)
Brandon Janes	Village of Deerfield
Chris Johnson	Illinois Sierra Club
Chuck Bodden	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Josephine Meincke	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Larry Bridges	East Skokie Drainage District
Leonard Dane	Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental
Rosemary Heilemann	Illinois Sierra Club