



**NBWW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call meeting to order**

Brandon Janes, North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) President, called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

**2. Roll call**

Executive Board members present were **Brandon Janes** (President), Village of Deerfield; **Jack Bielak**, Village of Northbrook; **Matt Ueltzen**, Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD) (arrived after agenda item 5b); **Robyn Flakne**, Village of Glenview (arrived after agenda item 5b); **Chuck Bodden**, North Shore Water Reclamation District, (NSWRD), **Obaid Khalid**, Village of Winnetka and **Rob Flood**, NSWRD and Monitoring Committee Chair. A roll call was performed and an NBWW Executive Board quorum was present.

**3. Public comment – None**

**4. Approve March 08, 2023 NBWW Executive Board meeting minutes**

Bielak motioned to accept the March 08, 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Flood. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

**5. Financial report**

a. **Ratify revenues-expenditures:** Mike Prusila presented the expenditures and revenues to the NBWW Executive Board for ratification. Flood motioned to ratify the revenues and expenditures, seconded by Khalid. The motion passed with unanimous consensus via a roll call vote (5-0-0).

b. **NBWW budget review**

Prusila presented the FY2023 budget. There were no comments or questions.

**6. Old business**

a. **Monitoring Committee & NARP update**

Flood gave an update for the Monitoring Committee. The Monitoring Committee reviewed and approved the 2020-2021 NBWW Monitoring Report at the meeting earlier today. That report will be made available on the website. The Monitoring Committee requested two cost estimates be run for the future NBWW budget for splitting watershed bioassessment monitoring sites and the full 25 site bioassessment costs. Strelcheck will create those cost estimates in the NBWW budget for June 14, 2023 NBWW meeting for consideration. The Lake County PB&D is working on determining if the presence of the Middlefork nurdles constituents an illicit discharge under the NPDES permit within Unincorporated Lake County. NSWRD staff and Geosyntec have been coordinating on the 2023 additional continuous monitoring locations within the Skokie Lagoons (at no additional cost to the NBWW).

**7. New business - None**

**8. Member remarks**

a. The Village of Deerfield is required to make the 2021 Village of Deerfield Phosphorus Removal Feasibility Study available to the NBWW. SMC can assist with this effort.



- b. At upcoming meetings, Bodden would like to discuss NBWW’s role with the watershed-based plan and the plan implementation.
- c. Bodden expressed some concern from NSWRD and others regarding the IPS report and the conclusions regarding nutrients. Based on the IPS Report discussion, Janes is going to reach out to MBI and request that the NBWW logo be removed from the IPS Report and start a dialogue with them about a potential disclaimer and/or language that denotes that NBWW monitoring data was utilized to create the IPS tool but the conclusions of the IPS Report and specifically on its use for “addressing the NARP” are those of MBI and does not reflect the views of all workgroups. Along with being accurate to the goals of the NBWW, the purpose of this proposed language revision/addition is to eliminate the possibility for two conflicting documents to the Illinois EPA when consideration of regulatory standards. The proposed standards in the IPS Report were not a consensus by all watershed workgroups and the NBWW is approaching the NARP differently, so the report should reflect that.
- d. The Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD) were informed that there was a lot of microplastics (nurdles) within the Middle Fork of the Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve. The LCFPD requested assisting in tracking the source of the microplastic nurdles. A suggestion to inform the upstream MS4 community enforcement officer would be a next step to help investigate the source of the discharge. Strelcheck will take the lead on this coordination.

**9. Next meeting:** NBWW Executive Board Meeting: June 14, 2023

**10. Adjournment – 2:09 pm**

Bielak motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ueltzen. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

**NBWW Executive Board Meeting Attendees**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Brandon Janes	Village of Deerfield, NBWW President
Chuck Bodden	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Jack Bielak	Village of Northbrook
Josephine Meincke	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Leonard Dane	Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental
Matt Ueltzen	Lake County Forest Preserve District
Mike Prusila	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission & NBWW Coordinator
Obaid Khalid	Village of Winnetka
Rob Flood	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Robyn Flakne	Village of Glenview