



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 1:37pm.

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); **Robyn Flakne**, Village of Glenview; **Chuck Bodden**, North Shore Water Reclamation District, (NSWRD), 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 April 12, 2023 NBWW Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Bielak motioned to accept the April 12, 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Flakne. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

5. Financial Report

a. Ratify FY23 Revenues-Expenditures: Ashley Strelcheck, NBWW Coordinator, presented the expenditures and revenues to the NBWW Executive Board for ratification. There were no questions. Ueltzen motioned to ratify the revenues and expenditures, seconded by Bodden. The motion passed with unanimous consensus via a roll call vote.

b. NBWW Budget Review

Strelcheck 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. NSWRD will be providing 2023 sampling within the Skokie Lagoons to help fill the data gaps for monitoring. Datasonde monitoring has been conducted at two sites, and another sonde will be deployed on June 15, 2023. Brian Valleskey, Geosyntec, gave an update on the NARP SWMM Model. Valleskey presented the data calibration and validation process and explained how Geosyntec was filling in any data gaps.

i. Bioassessment Monitoring Future Costs

The Monitoring Committee discussed two cost options for future bioassessment monitoring: the 2-year split watershed monitoring sites approach and the full 25 site bioassessment monitoring. The Executive Board requested to table a decision on this item until the July 12, 2023, NBWW meeting to determine the frequency of performing the bioassessment monitoring. Bielak asked if regulations exist that should be taken into consideration and what other groups are doing. Strelcheck noted that there are not regulations at this time and that the NARP could help guide future practices.



ii. IPS Report Discussion

Brandon Janes and Chuck Bodden met with Chris Yoder to discuss the language in the IPS report, and Yoder recommended that they talk with Stephen McCracken, The Conservation Foundation. McCracken worked with Janes and Bodden to revise language in the IPS report in order to limit the possibility for two conflicting documents (NBWW NARP and the IPS Model Report) to the Illinois EPA and reflect/allow for the watershed workgroup’s individualized approaches. They shared the revised language with the Committee.

7. New Business

a. 2023 Annual Deicing Workshop Sponsorship Approval

Strelcheck presented the 2023 Annual Deicing Workshop \$250 NBWW sponsorship request for approval. Strelcheck noted that the dollar amount might increase in the future for calibration days and chloride reduction improvements the workgroup could be doing. Ueltzen motioned to approve the \$250 2023 Annual Deicing Workshop sponsorship, seconded by Flood. The motion passed with unanimous consensus via a roll call vote.

b. Tim Hoellein, Loyola University Chicago, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Support

Ueltzen and Strelcheck shared that Tim Hoellein from Loyola University Chicago is interested in researching plastic nurdles in the watershed and their impact. Hoellein would like to collaborate with NBWW and apply for funding with the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant. Strelcheck gave a reminder on how Lake County PB&D as well as SMC have been working to determine if the presence of the Middlefork nurdles constitutes an illicit discharge under the NPDES permit within Unincorporated Lake County. The Lake County Forest Preserve District expressed interest in collaborating with Hoellein. Ueltzen and Strelcheck will work on inviting Hoellein to a future meeting.

c. Power BI Platform Software

Strelcheck asked the Executive Board if there was an expectation that SMC maintain their Power BI software subscription. SMC does not utilize this software for any internal work. NSWRD shared that they have access to the software. The group concluded that NSWRD could support future software training if needed, so SMC does not need to renew their Power BI software subscription.

8. Member Remarks - None

9. Next Meeting: NBWW Executive Board Meeting: July 12, 2023, Location: TBD

10. Adjournment – 2:15pm

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

NBWW Executive Board Meeting Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Anna Niedzinski	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
Ashley Strelcheck	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, NBWW Coordinator
Brandon Janes	Village of Deerfield, NBWW President
Chuck Bodden	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Jack Bielak	Village of Northbrook
Matt Ueltzen	Lake County Forest Preserve District



NORTH BRANCH
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WORKGROUP

NBWW Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Village of Deerfield, Village Hall

850 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Rob Flood	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Robyn Flakne	Village of Glenview
Sharene Gould Dulabaum	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission