



NBWW MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Rob Flood, North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Chair, called the NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee meeting to order at 12:30pm. Ashley Strelcheck, NBWW Coordinator, redacted Agenda Item 5a. as it was an error, Chris Johnson, Illinois Sierra Club is already the primary Monitoring Committee member and that item does not require discussion.

2. Roll Call

Monitoring Committee members present were **Rob Flood**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); **Anna Braum**, Forest Preserve District of Cook County; **Larry Bridges**, Skokie Consolidated Drainage District (SCDD); **Leonard Dane**, Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental; **Chris Johnson**, Illinois Sierra Club; **Wally Dittrich**, Village of Lincolnshire; and **Alana Bartolai**, Lake County Health Department. A roll call was performed.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Approve November 08, 2023 NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes

Bridges motioned to accept the November 08, 2023, NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Bartolai. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

5. New Business

~~**a. Monitoring Committee Member Adjustment Vote: Primary: Chris Johnson, Sierra Club**~~

b. NBWW 2023 Annual Newsletter Approval Recommendation

Bridges motioned to recommend approval of the NBWW Annual Newsletter as presented to the NBWW Executive Board, seconded by Dittrich. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

c. NBWW Monitoring Strategy Update

Strelcheck presented the NBWW revised NBWW Monitoring Strategy for approval with additional monitoring efforts completed in 2023 for the NBWW NARP. NSWRD staff provided some input on the Monitoring Strategy revisions which is reflected in the revised version in the meeting packet. Flood requested that the five-year sampling rotational basis language under Section 5 be removed. No other comments or revision requests from the Monitoring Committee. Bridges motioned to approve the NBWW revised Monitoring Strategy with the requested revisions by Rob Flood, seconded by Dittrich. The motion passed with unanimous vote.



d. Geosyntec Contract Amendment Approval Recommendation

Strelcheck presented the NBWW FY23 Geosyntec Contract Amendment #1 for recommended approval to the NBWW Executive Board. No comments or revision requests from the Monitoring Committee. Dittrich motioned to approve the NBWW revised Monitoring Strategy with the requested revisions by Rob Flood, seconded by Bridges. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

6. Old Business

a. Monitoring & NARP Update

Flood gave an update to the Monitoring Committee that NSWRD will start FY24 sampling in February (dates to be determined). NSWRD has compiled the FY23 monitoring data and will be starting the March Illinois EPA NPDES in-stream monitoring data submission on behalf of the permit holder members. Strelcheck will work with NSWRD staff to complete a cover letter and submittal package.

b. NBWW Water Quality Report RFP Approval Recommendation

The Monitoring Committee discussed and reviewed the NBWW draft Water Quality Summary Report Request for Proposals (RFP) for the NBWW Executive Board's consideration. A revision request was made to the RFP to add in monitoring data points from water quality points and reach out to Geosyntec to gather additional monitoring data (for NARP) and get the physical data. The Monitoring Committee will aim to publish the RFP in Winter 2024. Bridges motioned to recommend approval of the NBWW Water Quality Summary Report RFP with the proposed revisions to the NBWW Executive Board, seconded by Johnson. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

7. Member Remarks

Flood noted that the 2023 Biennial Report from the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy was online for NBWW members if interested. Flood cited that the report cited "*A Missing Piece of the Illinois Phosphorus Puzzle: Quantifying Statewide Streambank Erosion to Inform Effective Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy*" that the members may find interesting. Flood would like to reach out to Geosyntec to see if Stream erosion is being factored into the NARP phosphorus modeling. Strelcheck believed that Geosyntec was utilizing SMC's stream inventory information from the Watershed-Based Plans but suggested following up with Geosyntec directly.

Stantec (NBWW member) has not paid their FY23 dues yet and the Monitoring Committee deferred to the Executive Board on whether they should remain a member of the workgroup.

8. Next Meeting: NBWW General Membership meeting: February 14, 2024, Lake Forest Municipal Services Building, Training Room, 800 N Field Dr, Lake Forest, IL 60045 (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

9. Adjournment – 1:13pm

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



NBWW Monitoring and Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 @ 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Village of Deerfield, Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015

NBWW Monitoring Committee Meeting Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Alana Bartolai	Lake County Health Department
Anna Braum	Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Ashley Strelcheck	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, NBWW Coordinator
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	Skokie Consolidated Drainage District
Leonard Dane	Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental
Rob Flood	North Shore Water Reclamation District,
Wally Dittrich	Village of Lincolnshire