

**DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup
Meeting Agenda
Lombard Village Hall
April 26, 2017
9:00 – 11:00 AM**

1. Approval of February 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)

Karen Daulton-Lange made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Nick Menninga; motion carried unanimously.

2. Comprehensive Basin Assessment: East Branch 2014.

Presentation will look at the findings of the 2014 report including trends in pollutant loadings, physical conditions and fish and macro invertebrate populations in the East Branch DuPage River. The presentation will also give an update on the impacts of the Churchill Woods Dam modification 3 years after it was completed.

Presenter: Chris Yoder, Research Director, Midwest Biodiversity Institute

A question and answer session followed.

3. NPDES Permit Special Condition (Old Business)

- Remaining POTW Permits (Elmhurst (2/29/16, not yet issued), Wood Dale North (5/31/16, under review).
- Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition Permit Condition Update – The City of Naperville’s public review period was October 21st – November 21st. The City responded to comments. Illinois EPA has not made a response to date.
Allison Swisher noted that Joliet’s final permit was issued this past week and includes the DRSCW special condition studies.
- The DRSCW filed with Illinois EPA the Special Condition Annual Report and supplied copies to all participating members.

4. Funding update (SB2081) (Old Business)

- IGIG grant program. – no update

5. Projects Committee (Old Business)

- **Oak Meadows Update (Special Conditions Project).** Per our agreement, the DRSCW will reimburse the FPDDC \$1M this fiscal year.
- **Fawell Dam Update (Special Conditions Project)** – The DRSCW Fawell Team participated in a pre-application meeting with Illinois DNR, Bartlett office. They are reviewing the proposed modeling solution before we submit our formal proposal.
FEQ is congruent with modeled expectations.
- **Fullersburg Woods Concept Plan Development (Special Conditions Project)** – The DRSCW signed a contract with Bluestem Communications to develop and execute an outreach strategy for this project to be completed this year. The DRSCW has been in contact with FPDDC staff and commissioners to discuss the outreach.
DRSCW will meet with representatives from the Village of Oak Brook in the next couple of weeks.
- **Spring Brook Phase II**
Erik Neidy provided an update.

- **Trading RFQ – Trading Analysis** – The projects committee interviewed three shortlisted firms on March 10th. As a result of the qualifications-based selection process, the Tetra Tech/Kieser and Assoc./Abt Assoc./Earth & Water Group team was selected to lead the development of a basin wide nutrient trading program for the DRSCW watersheds. The consultant and the committee are currently negotiating a scope, fee and contract.
DRSCW received a revised budget last night and will review and forward copies to the Projects Committee. Illinois and US EPA will be invited to the meeting.
- **IPS Tool Development** – The contractor and staff had a project kick off meeting. The project will include substantial GIS inputs from the DRSCW and the Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition. DRSCW is following up with the Cincinnati Sewer District’s GIS Department to understand what that entails.

The Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW) expressed interest in participating in the IPS Tool development and the DRSCW is discussing this possibility with MBI.

IAWA contracted MBI to create a proposal for Illinois EPA that outlines how a pilot Tiered Aquatic Life Use (TALU) program can be implemented in the DRSCW program area. TALU looks at use attainment to determine the best use possible and establish tiers for water use.

6. Monitoring Committee (Old Business)

- Salt Creek basin monitoring – finished for 2016.
- 2014 East Branch DuPage River Technical Report – final report issued.
- Winter chloride/conductivity monitoring – probes deployed at 4 sites.
- USGS Phosphorus Study – The DRSCW made a payment to support this study.
- MS4 2016 report.
DRSCW will supply a report to DuPage County for inclusion with their reports. DRSCW will provide copies of its report to members outside DuPage County.
- Resource Manager’s Guide to Aquatic Bioassessment – under review.

7. Chloride Reduction Committee (New Business)

- Chloride Offset Program with the Illinois Tollway – A proposal is going before the Tollway’s Board in April.
- CAWS and Des Plaines River Chloride Variance – No new information since last meeting.

8. Watershed Permitting Update (Old Business)

9. TMDL Development for the DuPage River/Salt Creek (Old Business)

- USEPA inquired why the draft Wood Dale North Permit did not include a BOD limit as implementation of the 2004 DO TMDL on Salt Creek. The DRSCW prepared and submitted a response to USEPA and shared it with Wood Dale.
Region 5 is comparing 2005 permits to TMDLs.
- The DRSCW supplied comments on the Stage 3 documents with the exception of IL_GB-16. The DRSCW asked for additional time to supply comments on that section as it had a number of complex scenarios involving the Naperville, Plainfield and Bolingbrook POTWs. Staff will meet with these three POTWs to discuss additional modeling scenarios and implementation options for the TMDL.
DRSCW will review the implementation plan and share comments with members. Illinois DOT is requesting their own permit.

10. Watershed Committee Updates – West Branch, East Branch and Salt Creek

- **Lower Salt Creek 319 Plan** – The DRSCW collected data on stream physical conditions, added it to the existing data set, and supplied it to CMAP in GIS format. The DRSCW supported a stakeholder meeting held on April 6th. CMAP plans to convene bi-monthly meetings for stakeholder engagement.

11. Business Items (New Business)

Invoice Payments

Vendor/Project	Invoice Number	Amount (\$)
V3 Fawell Dam	117192	8,249.11
V3 Fawell Dam	217071	1,416.33
MBI 2016 Salt Creek Assessment	1412	2,284.25
SLI 2016 Reference Sites	138890	757.06
SLI 2016 Reference Sites	141683	1501.31
SLI 2016 Reference Sites	143131	1844.99
SLI 2016 IEPA/TMDL Sites	138891	1641.72
SLI 2016 IEPA/TMDL Sites	138892	820.86
SSLI 2016 IEPA/TMDL Sites	139792	1231.29
TCF March 2017 Staffing Costs	Contract	18637.77
TCF Feb 2017 Staffing Increase	Addendum	185.23
TCF March 2017 Staffing Increase	Addendum	185.23
Stephen Expenses Jan-March 2017	Expense Report	874.35
Deanna Expenses Jan -March 2017	Expense Report	549.65
Tara Expenses Jan -March 2017	Expense Report	924.03
Langan Haeger Vincent & Born Crime	20340	459.00
Langan Haeger Vincent & Born GL	20339	250.00

- **Membership Dues 2017-2018**
Welcome new Associate members Industrial Systems, Ltd. and Morris Engineering, Inc. Current Agency and Associate members received renewal packets. The DRSCW will mail invitation letters to eligible MS4 communities and potential Associate Members. In light of new ILR40 permit requirements, eligible MS4 Communities will also receive a fact sheet listing the DRSCW membership benefits.
- **Financial Report February and March 2017 – (Attachment 2).**
- **Audit and Tax Preparation**
Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will audit the financial statements and prepare federal and state information returns FYE 2/28/2017 for a fee of \$6950.00.

12. DRSCW Calendar, Presentations and Press Coverage

- Continued discussions with the Tollway about the chloride offset program. SMC
- March 14, 2017 – Springfield Testimony on PAHs and coal tar based sealcoats. DD
HB2958, from consumer protection, has stalled. An amendment to the proposed statewide ban allows Home Rule for local bans.
- March 15, 2017. Meeting with Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Sweet Water Trust and Wisconsin DNR on TMDL Implementation. JH and SMC
- March 16, 2017 – Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition Presentation on coal tar based sealcoats. DD

- April 7, 2017 - 319 Lower Salt Creek Watershed Based Plan presentation on monitoring and conditions in Salt Creek. Part of a public meeting about the Lower Salt Creek 319 Plan. DD
- April 20, 2017 – College of DuPage ‘Got H2O? Water Resource Challenges Facing Northeastern Illinois’. SMC
- April 25th –Illinois Wastewater Professional Conference IWEA Panel on monitoring. SMC
- May 4th – Sweet Water Trust (Wisconsin) – Adaptive Management Financing and Implementation and Project Selection (SMC), Oak Meadows Design and Financing. (Erin Pande ERA and SMC)

Other – Allison Swisher, Joliet, thanked the DRSCW for setting the path for other watershed groups and added that TCF is contracted to staff the newly incorporated Lower Des Plaines Watershed Group.

13. Workgroup Meeting Schedule

- June 28, 2017
- August 30, 2017
- October 25, 2017
- December 13, 2017
- February 28, 2018
- April 25, 2018

Dave Gorman announced the next DRSCW meeting is June 28th and parking is allowed on Hammerschmidt Road. Gorman also mentioned TCF’s annual benefit dinner on April 27th.

Larry Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53AM; seconded by Dennis Streicher; motion carried unanimously.