

DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup
Annual Meeting Minutes
Village of Lombard Community Room
255 E. Wilson Avenue, Lombard, Illinois
February 22, 2023

President Gorman called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

9:00-9:10 Welcome, Introductory Remarks

Dave Gorman – DRSCW President & Asst. Director, Village of Lombard Public Works

9:10-10:00 Annual Business Meeting

- **Approval of the minutes for the December 7, 2022 meeting** (Attachment 1)
 - ✓ *S. Zehner made a motion to approve the December 7, 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by M. Larson. The motion passed unanimously.*

- **Election of Officers and Members-at-Large**
 - President – Dave Gorman, Village of Lombard
 - Vice President – Amy Underwood, Downers Grove Sanitary District
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Rick Federighi, Village of Addison
 - At Large – Mary Beth Falsey, DuPage County
 - At Large – Pinakin Desai, MWRDGC
 - At Large – Steve Zehner, Robinson Engineering, Inc.
 - At Large – Vacant
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 - ✓ *J. Hammer made a motion to approve the nominated slate of officers and members at-large. The motion was seconded by E. Lanphier. The motion passed unanimously.*

- **Appointment of Committee Chairpersons by Incoming President**
 - Projects Committee Chairperson – Greg Ulreich, Village of Carol Stream
 - Monitoring Committee Chairperson – Jennifer Hammer, The Conservation Foundation
 - East Branch DuPage River Watershed Committee Chairperson – Larry Cox, Downers Grove Sanitary District
 - West Branch DuPage River Watershed Committee Chairperson – Erik Neidy, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
 - Salt Creek Watershed Committee Chairperson – Dennis Streicher, Sierra Club – River Prairie Group

- **Bylaws Change**
 - At the October 26, 2022 DRSCW General Membership Meeting, the Membership approved a motion to present the following bylaw change at the 2023 annual meeting (replacing \$10,000 with \$25,000): “The Executive Board may authorize

expenditures less than \$25,000 which are an emergency and cannot be delayed for review at a Workgroup meeting". The relevant language is found in Article 5, Section 8 of the bylaws.

✓ *L. Cox made a motion to approve the recommended by-laws change to increase the maximum expenditures that the Executive Board may approve up to \$25,000. The motion was seconded by S. Zehner. The motion passed unanimously.*

- **Adoption of FY 2023-24 Budget**

- Approval of the FY 23-24 Annual Dues Schedule and Annual Dues by Agency (Attachment 2). A 3% increase in Agency member annual dues is scheduled for FY 23-24. Associate member dues for all not-for-profit and government associate members will also increase by 3% in FY 23-24. Associate and Individual member dues will also increase by 3% in FY 23-24.

✓ *D. Streicher made a motion to approve the FY 2023-24 Dues Schedule. The motion was seconded by L. Cox.*

M. Larson praised the work of the DRSCW and asked what the DRSCW's plan was as an organization into the future. A discussion ensued with several members offering their perspectives. It was noted that while the DRSCW is working on TP now, it is only one of several emerging pollutants. President D. Gorman said the Executive Board as well as the general membership will continue to assess the DRSCW's role and value for members as is inherent in the budget discussion and approval at the annual meetings.

M. Larson also asked if staffing costs should be split between the general activity fund and the special condition fund to reduce dues for non-special assessment members. S. McCracken said that he and the Board would discuss the issue of splitting staffing costs in support of projects. President D. Gorman added that the majority of administrative time and costs once projects are underway are borne by consultants.

The motion passed unanimously.

- POTW Agency member project assessments related to the NPDES special conditions remains on schedule. The schedule has been extended by three years with the issuance of the new permits.
- Review and approval of the FY 2023-24 Budget (Attachment 3 – one-page budget summary).
 - ✓ *E. Lanphier made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Budget. The motion was seconded by D. Streicher. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Presentation and discussion of the detailed Four-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 to 2027-2028 (https://drscw.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/drscw.-23-24-budget-and-5-year-plan.draft_.pdf). The Four-Year Financial Plan was also emailed to all members on 02/10/2023.

- ✓ *L. Cox made a motion to post the one-year budget and Four-Year Financial Plan for informational and planning purposes only. The motion was seconded by J. Hammer. The motion passed unanimously.*

- **Financial Report (Attachment 4) and Vendor Payments Dec. 1, 2022 to Jan. 31, 2023**

Vendor/Project	Invoice Number	Amount (\$)	Status
HACH - Annual Bench Agreement - 2 sondes	2 invoices		Paid
Hey & Assoc. - Fullersburg Woods Dam	15731		Paid
Hey & Assoc. - Fullersburg Woods Dam	15956		Approved
Hey & Assoc. - Fullersburg Woods Dam	16077		Pending
Hey & Assoc. - Upper Salt Creek	15688		Paid
Hey & Assoc. - Upper Salt Creek	15814		Paid
Hey & Assoc. - Upper Salt Creek	16130		Pending
Inter-Fluve - East Branch DuPage River Project	21-04-12-07		Paid
MBI - NE IL DO Analysis	2030		Paid
MBI - NE IL DO Analysis	2040		Pending
MBI - EBDR 2019 Bioassessment - Final	2063		Pending
MBI - WBDR 2020 Bioassessment	2080		Pending
MBI - Springbrook Bioassessment	2081		Pending
MBI - Salt Creek 2021 Bioassessment	2082		Pending
Microbac - Chloride Sampling	L22006271		Paid
Microbac - Chloride Sampling	L22008462		Pending
Murray & Trettel - WeatherCommand Data	1222-735		Approved
State of IL Treasurer - Fullersburg Section 401 Fee	NA		Paid
Suburban Labs - Reference Site Chemistry	209096		Paid
Tetra Tech - QUAL2Kw	51953970		Paid
Tetra Tech - QUAL2Kw	51976200		Paid
Tetra Tech - QUAL2Kw	51987862		Paid
Tetra Tech - QUAL2Kw	52010355		Pending
The Conservation Fdn - July - Sept Expenses	12939		Paid
The Conservation Fdn - Newsletter	12979		Approved
The Conservation Fdn - Oct - Dec Expenses	12989		Pending

- **Other business**

- **DRSCW Calendar**

- “Deriving an ambient Total Phosphorous threshold for the DuPage River and Salt Creek”, February 2, on-line, IEPA, Stephen McCracken, Deanna Doohaluk, The Conservation Foundation.

- “Deriving and Implementing an Ambient Total Phosphorous Threshold for the DuPage River and Salt Creek”, February 28 – March 2, IAWA Mini Conference, Springfield, IL.: Amy Underwood, Stephen McCracken, The Conservation Foundation.
 - “Expanding beyond Permit Limits to Achieve Water Quality Goals”, February 22-24, 2023 – WWM5, Bhubaneswar, India. Presenter: Deanna Doohaluk, The Conservation Foundation.
 - “Deriving an ambient Total Phosphorous threshold for the DuPage River and Salt Creek”, Date TBD, Environmental Partners, Stephen McCracken, The Conservation Foundation
- **Workgroup Meeting Schedule (9:00 AM start time)**
Unless otherwise specified all meetings are scheduled to occur from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM via Zoom Webinar.

April 26, 2023 from 9AM-11AM
 June 28, 2023 from 9AM-11AM
 August 30, 2023 from 9AM-11AM
 October 25, 2023 from 9AM-11AM
 December 6, 2023 from 9AM-11AM

10:00 – 10:55 Presentation on DRSCW Purpose and Goals

DRSCW Purpose and Goals

The presentation will cover the DRSCW's formation and initial watershed management efforts up to the negotiation of the current Special Conditions language and how these efforts inform the process of getting to the NIP and beyond.

The DRSCW mission is to “bring together stakeholders to preserve and enhance water quality and stream resource quality in the East Branch DuPage River, West Branch DuPage River, Salt Creek and their tributaries”.

This mission was conceived in the aftermath of the publication of several Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for area waterways. The TMDL proposals were immensely expensive but promised little in the way of actual in-stream improvement, raising the question of whether public monies would be used efficiently. Additionally, where did these regulations come from, what are they trying to achieve, and was there a more efficient way to accomplish these goals? It was also evident that such “watershed level” regulations were difficult for individual permit holders to adequately represent themselves in front of State regulators.

Presenter: Stephen McCracken

At 11:05 AM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by S. Zehner and seconded by R. Federighi.