

**DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup
General Membership Meeting
Village of Lombard
December 6, 2023
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Please note the meeting is in-person but will also be broadcast remotely. If you need the virtual option here is the Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e4b_MPzSQDyksWSckPhUYA

President Gorman called the meeting to order at 9:08am.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of the October 25, 2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1).

J. Lomax made a motion to approve the October 25, 2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by S. Zehner. The motion passed

3. Presentation Abstract: Progress Report Master Plan for Salt Creek at Fullersburg Woods

The removal of the dam and the stream enhancement at Fullersburg Woods is underway. The Presentation will give members a progress report on the project including the status of the dam, the updated schedule, and public outreach.

4. Presentation Abstract: NIP Recommendations

The Final parts of the NIP are out for review. The presentation will focus on the NIP recommendations, how they address the objectives of the plan, and the proposed schedule for participating POTWs.

Presenters: Stephen McCracken and Deanna Doohaluk, TCF/DRSCW

These presentations have been submitted for approval by the IEPA as CEUs for the Wastewater Operator and Drinking Water Operator Certifications. The IEPA course number will be provided to all attendees via email following the meeting.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS PERMIT ACTIVITIES

5. Special Conditions Permit Administration

- **2020 Permit Negotiations** –Wood Dale North, Elmhurst, and Naperville have received draft permits from the IEPA. Staff have reviewed the permits to ensure the included Special Condition language is consistent with the verbiage agreed upon (extension). MWRD plants (Egan and Hanover Park) would then be the only member permits to not have the latest version of the special conditions (their current permits expire in 2026).

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- PFAS Monitoring/PFAS Reduction Program Language – The Wood Dale North, Elmhurst, and Naperville permits includes quarterly monitoring of the influent and effluent for 40 PFAS compounds and semi-annually monitoring of biosolids for 40 PFAS compounds using draft test method 1633. The permits also contain language for a PFAS Reduction Program that requires a PFAS Inventory of all facilities (based on listed SIC codes) that have the potential to discharge PFAS into the sanitary sewer and PFAS Reduction Initiative for all facilities identified in the inventory. The Draft PFAS-related Language has been shared with the Negotiations Team.
- The Permits also contain language on limits for metals (cyanide and zinc for Wood Dale and copper and zinc for Elmhurst) and new recommendations on ammonia at both plants. Staff are working with the plants and IEPA on this item. Following a second review by the IEPA, the copper and zinc effluent limits are being removed from the Elmhurst permit. The Wood Dale permit is still under a second review by the IEPA.
- **Additional Permit Items**
 - MWRD – Under DRSCW/ MWRD’s new Agreement MWRD’s will bid and manage the construction of the Master Plan for Salt Creek and provide approximately \$6 million in funding for the project. It also includes DRSCW commitment to reimburse MWRD for all costs above MWRD’s \$6 million in funding for the Project.
 - Glendale Heights – We have reached out to West Chicago, Wheaton, Bartlett, Itasca, and Bensenville to talk about a “Glendale Heights MOU” for their agency. An updated MOU has been signed with Bensenville.
- **ECHO/CDX Net DMR** – Inaccurate listings on this NPDES permit tracking system has been an issue. This item will also be raised with IEPA during the Fall visit to Springfield.

6. Physical Projects (Ongoing)

Fawell Dam Modification

- **MOU** –DC SWM approved the MOU at their November 7, 2023 Committee meeting. FPDDC staff presented the Fawell project to their Board at the September 12, 2023 Planning Meeting and the MOU was signed at their November 21, 2023 meeting. The MOU has been signed by representatives of the DRSCW, FPDDC, and DC SWM.
- **Potential Project Design Modifications** – The county has opted for the scenario that would have the ladder partially disassembled during cold weather months. A section will be designed to be removable both manually and by a crane. DC wants DRSCW to cover this annual cost (estimated at \$14,000 a year if a crane is used) indefinitely. The current budget has \$135,000 of contingency and \$100,000 for trouble shooting for FY2024-25 that can be used for this purpose. A concern was noted by a member at the August General Membership Meeting about having maintenance requirements for the DRSCW in perpetuity

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as it is not a guarantee that the DRSCW will be around forever. Staff noted that the current MOA will limit the terms of the coverage for 5-10 years so the terms of the maintenance requirements will be revisited at the time of the MOA renewal.

- **Purchase and Fabrication** – A contract with BK Riverfish for design (largely complete), fabrication, delivery and supervision of installation of the ladder is under development.
- **Next Steps**
 - Initial permitting discussion with IDNR
 - Obtain DC SWM and Projects Committee agreement on draft plan set
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 - Update and expand V3 contract covering final design and permitting
 - Obtain Project Permits
 - USACE Permit
 - IDNR-OWR (Dam Modification / Floodway Construction)
 - DC SWM (should be a duplicate in many ways of the two other permits)
 - As the project is under one acre of disturbance an IEPA ILR10 shouldn't be needed
 - Sign contract and place fabrication order with BK Riverfish
 - DC issues bid for ladder placement contract
 - Fabrication of ladder completed
- **Post Project Monitoring** – DRSCW is working with partners and BK Riverfish on a plan for post-project monitoring.
- **Parallel Work** – DuPage County needs to conduct some maintenance repair on the Fawell Dam. If possible, DuPage County would like to coordinate this work with the installation of the fish ladder (included in MOA).

Graue Mill Dam

- **Project Schedule**
 - Concept Master Plan – Completed September 23, 2020.
 - Final Report on Public Outreach – Completed September 2020.
 - Final Engineering and Preparation of Contract Bid Documents – Completed September 2023.
 - Final Contract Invoice – Hey has submitted their final contract invoice for final design, permitting, and preparation of contract bid services. As part of the closeout on this contract, one of Hey's subconsultants, UrbanWorks, has submitted a request for a budget amendment for their work on the preparation of the building and zoning permit application. The original request from UrbanWorks was for \$13,107.52. Staff and UrbanWorks have negotiated a compromise of \$3,276.88 (approximately 25% of the original request). Staff judged these legitimate overrun costs due to the extended timeframe of the work and the start/stop nature they

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experienced at the start of their tasks that required them to re-familiarize themselves with where things were at each restart. At its November 15, 2023 meeting the Executive Board approved a contract amendment to the Hey & Associates final design and permitting contract, not to exceed \$3,276.88, for work performed by their sub-consultant UrbanWorks for their efforts on the Building & Zoning permit.

- Construction – On-going.
- **Partner Outreach** – A letter to editor in opposition of the project appeared in the Daily Herald on Sunday, October 8, 2023.
- **Bidding and Construction Contract** – The MWRDGC Board awarded the construction contract to V3 at their September 7, 2023 meeting at their bid price (\$9,375,745.00) plus contingency (\$468,787.25).
 - MWRD/DRSCW Agreement – The DRSCW and MWRD signed new Agreement that outlines MWRD’s commitment to bid and manage the construction of the Master Plan for Salt Creek.
- **Construction Progress** – Construction started on November 8, 2023.
 - Pre-Construction Meeting – The Pre-Construction meeting was held on October 4, 2023 (V3, MWRD, FPDDC, DRSCW).
 - Schedule Meeting – A meeting to discuss and set the schedule for the initial construction tasks and submittals was held on October 5, 2023.
 - Construction Progress Meeting – Biweekly construction progress meetings are held on Wednesdays at 1pm at the Field Office. Coordination meetings are held in the alternative weeks on Wednesdays at 1pm at the Field Office.
 - Permit Activities
 - ILR10 NOI – The IEPA issued the ILR10 on November 16, 2023.
 - Instream Work Plan – V3 is responsible for developing an instream work plan that describes their means and methods for removal of the dam and the construction of the pool/riffles. The instream workplan was approved by KDSWCD on October 30, 2023 and the ACOE on November 13, 2023. Instream work started on November 27, 2023 and was inspected by both KDSWCD and the ACOE on November 27, 2023.
 - Section 404 IP – Written notification to the ACOE indicating the start date and estimated end date of construction was sent on October 20, 2023.
 - DC Building Department – The first required inspection under the Building and Zoning Permit, the SESC inspection, was conducted by DC SWM on November 21, 2023.
 - DuDOT – The DuDOT permit was issued on November 21, 2023.
 - Completed Activities – To date, the following activities have been conducted onsite: site mobilization, installation of security fencing, set-up of the south staging area including tree and brush clearing, installation of traffic control, removal of brick pavers, and the

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start of instream work. The instream work activities have included the installation of the silt curtain and the construction of the rock work platform.

- Construction Management Services/Phase 3 Services – The amendment to the Phase 3 Services contract with Hey & Associates approved by the General Membership at the October 25, 2023 meeting has been signed.
- RestoreSaltCreek.org – The project website is being updated for the construction phase of the project.
- **National Register of Historic Places Nomination** – As part of the Section 106 MOU, a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination needs to be prepared for Fullersburg Woods. At the request of the FPDDC, the DRSCW will lead this effort. Staff negotiated a scope of work and budget with McGuire Igleski and Associates (MIA) for a cost of \$13,400. The Executive Board has approved MIA’s scope and budget via an email vote and *a contract was signed on December 3, 2023.*
- **Pre-Project Monitoring** – No monitoring is scheduled for 2023 or 2024.

Spring Brook Phase II

- **2022 Post Project Monitoring** - The monitoring DO/pH data gathered following the observed high pH at the site have been shared with the FPDDC. Thanks to WSD for their assistance in investigating this item.
- **2023 Post Project Monitoring** – Post project monitoring was completed in summer 2023. Staff is also working on a plan to include an evaluation of the benthic algae development at the site in the post-project sampling. Staff will reach out to MBI for the 2023 QHEI data for inclusion in the FPDDC annual report to the ACOE due every December.

Southern East Branch Stream Enhancement Project

- **Conceptual Design Report** - The Final Conceptual Design Report for the Lower East Branch DuPage River Stream, Restoration Project, has been delivered by Interfluve. The report has been forwarded to the stakeholder group and the Projects Committee.
 - ComEd – Staff and Interfluve presented the Conceptual Design virtually to Com-Ed’s Realty Department on September 26, 2023. Feedback from the Realty Department was positive but additional input is needed from other ComEd departments before they could commit to the project. Staff provided additional materials to ComEd following the meeting. Staff will follow-up with ComEd to keep the conversations moving forward.
 - ◆ ComEd Environmental Due Diligence Form – ComEd requested additional information on the project via their Environmental Due Diligence Form which staff has provided. Staff is following up with ComEd to see if they require any additional information.

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- **Funding under ACOE Section 206** – The Lower East Branch Stream Restoration Project was submitted to the ACOE for consideration for funding under the Section 206 Aquatic Restoration Program. Per email communications with Frank Veraldi of the ACOE, Reaches 2-4 of the project have been included in the list of projects to be funded. The 206 program provides the following funding: up to \$10,000 for the preparation of a Federal Interest Determination Document, up to \$400,000 for a Project Feasibility Study, and up to \$15 million for Design and Implementation. All monies require a 35% match; cash, land costs, and in-kind services can be used as match.
 - **Letters of Support** – At the suggestion of staff at the ACOE, a letter of support for funding the project by Section 206 has been obtained from US Representative Bill Foster and forwarded to the ACOE.
- **Schedule Update**– Staff met with Interfluve and discussed the project. A draft scope has been developed to take the next steps as a backup against ACOE funding not materializing (based on post Fullersburg adjustment numbers, DRSCW has budgeted \$2.8M for construction).
- **2023 Pre-Project Monitoring** – Pre-project monitoring was completed in summer 2023.

Klein Creek Streambank Stabilization Project (Southern West Branch in permit)

- **Construction Progress Update** – Construction of the DRSCW section is complete. Trees and shrubs were planted in May 2023. Plugs were completed in September 2023. Baxter & Woodman conducted a drone survey to collect lidar data of the site. ENCAP also collected soil samples in the wetland areas to verify wetland hydrology.
 - **Payment** – Payments totaling \$1,100,000 have been made to Carol Stream for the Project.
- **2023 Post Project Monitoring** –After discussions with Carol Stream, it has been decided that post-project sampling will not be conducted in 2023 due to seeding/planting being completed in late spring 2023. Post-project sampling will commence in 2024.
 - **Site walkthrough with MBI** – A walk through with MBI staff was held in July.

7. Physical Project Update (Not Yet Started)

- **Project Evaluation Matrix** – A matrix is being developed for scoring future projects for possible funding via the Special Condition or NIP funds. The draft Matrix was presented to the Projects Committee for their review at their June 3, 2021 meeting. Staff is incorporating the Project Committee’s comments/suggestions and will share the updated Matrix with the Project Committee via email for review/comment.

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8. Nutrient Implementation Plan

- **DRAFT NIP** -- Staff and the Consultants have been working on the text of the NIP. To date, drafts of the following sections have been completed and submitted to the Projects Committee and Special Condition Permit Holders for their review:
 - Intro to DRSCW/LDRWC
 - Workgroup Studies and Management Plans
 - Water Quality Assessment (designated uses, impaired uses, applicable WQS, etc.)
 - Watershed Characterization (topography, land cover, soils, population, climate, hydrology, POTWs, MS4s, Industrial users, etc.)
 - Sources of TP and TP ambient conditions
 - Deriving and ambient TP Threshold for aquatic life
 - QUAL2Kw model development summary and modeled management scenarios
 - Urban Washoff Study
 - Focus on Aquatic Life
 - Relationship Between Chloride and Phosphorus
 - Integrated Approach for Improving Aquatic Life (Physical Conditions Impacting DO)

The draft report can be found at [NIP Review \(Projects Committee & SC Holders\)](#). Review of the document should be done for technical errors only as we will have a copy editor do a final review for grammar, consistency, etc. once the document is complete. Review of the Intro, Workgroup Studies, Water Quality Assessment and Watershed Characterization were due on October 13, 2023. Review of the Sources, TP Threshold, QUAL 2kw, and Urban Washoff Study were due by close of business on Friday, November 10, 2023. Review of Integrated Approach for Improving Aquatic Life was due on November 29, 2023. Review of the Relationship between Chloride and Phosphorus and the Focus on Aquatic Life is due on December 1, 2023.

These following sections are in review by Staff and Consultants; and once the review is complete, the drafts will be shared with the Projects Committee and Special Condition Permit Holders for their review and comment before integration into the draft document:

- DO Study
 - Implementation Plan (including draft permits)
- **Comments on the Draft NIP from the EAGs** – A. Ettinger submitted comments from the EAG partners on the Draft NIP, primarily focused on the “Deriving and ambient TP

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Threshold for aquatic life”. Staff held a conference call with the EAG reviewers and MBI to discuss the comments on November 27, 2023.

- **Watershed Specific Instream TP Target** – A meeting of DRSCW special condition permit holders was held on May 3, 2023 at the Village of Lombard. The core of the discussion was the adoption of the 0.11 to 0.28 mg/l TP IPS threshold as a warm weather watershed goal to be achieved via a 0.35 mg/l TP effluent standard. No objections were raised to making this the objective of the NIP.

A meeting with the LDRWC SC Permit Holders was held on June 6, 2023 to address the same question. No objections to adopting the 0.11 to 0.28 mg/l TP IPS threshold as a warm weather watershed target were raised by LDRWC members in attendance at the June 6, 2023 meeting. However, as modeling predicts the LDRWC WWTPs are able to meet the instream water quality target (less than 0.28 mg/l) with an effluent limit of 0.5 mg/l, the LDRWC members chose to propose a TP effluent limit of 0.5 mg/l for the LDRWC in the NARP for their mainstem WWTPs.

Other topics discussed at the May 3, 2023 SC Permit Holders meeting included the reporting limits for the TP effluent limits (seasonal, monthly average, geometric mean, or a combination), timeline/implementation schedule for TP effluent limits, and proposed special assessments.

- **Effluent Limit Target Averaging** – A meeting of Special Condition Permit Holders was held on November 6, 2023 to discuss the effluent limit target averaging period for the 0.35 mg/L TP effluent limit being proposed by the NIP. A meeting of the Special Conditions Permit Holders was held November 6 at Lombard Village Hall. At the meeting, various iterations of permit language that would meet the ambient goal were reviewed. The immediate objective was to supply language for draft contracts to be included in the implementation section of the NIP. The first choice was “Seasonal geometric mean of 0.35mg/l for May to October (to be reported on the October DMR) with a 0.5mg/l annual geometric mean, rolling 12-month basis (to first be reported on the DMR 12 full months from the effective date of the permit and monthly thereafter).” Other iterations of the language were ranked in order to give the negotiations team flexibility. Also discussed at the meeting were assessment totals and schedule, the details of some other draft permit language items and the preferred schedule for moving to the proposed permit language.
- **Acknowledgment of NIP Submittal by DRSCW Members** – When the draft of the NIP is submitted for review, a notice will be sent electronically to all Special Condition Permit

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Holders to notify them that we intend to submit the NIP on their behalf. If a Special Condition Permit Holder would like to opt out of the submittal they should let us know by an agreed upon date. If Special Condition Permit Holders opt out, they would be responsible for submitting their own NIP to the IEPA by December 31, 2023.

- **Newsletter** – As a means of keeping our elected officials informed about DRSCW’s NIP requirements, the DRSCW Summer Newsletter was focused on the NIP. It included topics such as the watershed specific instream TP target, Illinois NLRs, NSAC, NIP, or other related work. The Newsletter was distributed to all members in July 2023.
- **DC SWM** – A meeting with County Staff was held on July 31, 2023. The objective of the meeting was to update Storm Waters Director, Sarah Hunn, on the NIP proposal. Present at the meeting were Sarah Hunn and Mary Beth Falsey for Storm Water and Nick Kottmeyer and Sean Reese for Public Works. S. McCracken presented an overview of the NIP to the DC SWM Committee on October 3, 2023. Hard copies of the newsletter (above) were also passed out the Committee members.
- **NIP Consultant(s)**
 - TetraTech – A contract not to exceed \$48,912.71 has been signed with Tetra Tech for the purpose of supporting the development of the NIP. General scope tasks include 1) development of a NIP framework; 2) drafting background information on the nutrient limits development; 3) incorporating QUAL2Kw documentation and reports into the NIP; 4) data analysis and visualization; 5) additional QUAL2Kw scenarios; 6) drafting conclusions; 7) assistance with drafting an implementation schedule; 8) project management; and 9) technical editing. A kickoff meeting was held with Tetra Tech on May 30, 2023.
 - MBI – A scope has been developed with MBI to assist with selected sections of the NIP. The work being done under MBI’s professional Service Agreement includes developing the primacy of aquatic life section, updating graphics and reviewing staffs IPS and TP write ups.
 - Baxter & Woodman – A scope has been developed with Baxter & Woodman to develop a number of scenarios on how to average samples for our proposed 0.35 mg/l WWTP TP permit limit. The contract will screen and develop worked examples of scenarios suggested by members and staff as the most likely candidates for permit language. These scenarios will be considered and ranked by our Special Condition Permit Holders at a meeting in early November. The value of the contract is not to exceed \$3,800 and will be done under the General Services Agreement we have with Baxter & Woodman.

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- **QUAL Model Update** – This item has been incorporated into the NIP. See discussion above on the NIP.
- **Non-Point Source Phosphorus Feasibility Analysis** – This item has been incorporated into the NIP. See discussion above on the NIP.
- **IPS Tool Update**
 - Final Report – The final report is complete and has been posted on the website at: <https://drscw.org/activities/stressors-analysis/>
 - The updated IPS methodology and Peer Review was presented to the Projects Committee on May 15, 2020. A recording on the presentation is available on the DRSCW YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ueg38jsj-gE&feature=youtu.be>
 - Power BI Training – Staff is currently re-negotiating this with MBI. Lake County will also be participating. Training was postponed due to the principle trainer being ill.
 - Level of Rigor Analysis – No update at this time.
- **Additional NIP Tasks**
 - Development of Relationships and Thresholds for Continuous DO variables, nutrients, and biological Attributes in NE Illinois IPS – MBI is finalizing the report.
- **Trading Analysis**
 - Point Source (PS) to PS Trading – No update.
 - Stream Crediting Trading – No update.
 - USEPA National Water Quality Trading Policy – No update.
- **Related to Nutrient Trading** – As they are completed, please submit PDOPs and FSs to DRSCW staff.
- **NSAC Update** – The NSAC recommendations are not foreseen as being on the IPCB agenda for rulemaking in 2022.
- **Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS)** – The 2023 NLRS Conference is scheduled for January 25, 2024 in Springfield, Illinois. More details and registration at <https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/2024-illinois-nutrient-loss-reduction-strategy-partnership-conference>
 - The DRSCW submitted their update for the IL NLRS Biennial Report on March 1, 2023.

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- **Other NARPs (NIPS)** – The Fox River Study Group submitted the Fox River Implementation Plan (FRIP) to the IEPA in December 2022. A draft DRWW NARP (Lake County watershed group) has been released.
9. **Springfield Regulatory and Legislative Updates** – The IPS NIP scenario has been presented to C. Davis, A. Haile, B. Fleming, and D. LeCrone (October 31, 2022 in Springfield, Illinois) and Scott Twaitt (virtually on the February 02, 2023).

NON-SPECIAL CONDITION PERMIT ACTIVITIES

10. Bioassessment Program

- **East Branch Bioassessment**
 - 2019 Bioassessment – Final report is in final draft form (data on principal outputs has already been supplied).
 - 2023 Bioassessment – MBI has completed the fish, macroinvertebrate and habitat sampling on the East Branch and at the reference sites. First Environmental completed the water chemistry data as required by the sampling plan. Staff has also finished collected the expanded DO data at the required East Branch and reference sites. Sediment sampling was completed for both the East Branch and reference sites in November 2023. Fecal coliform sampling was completed by October 31, 2023.
- **West Branch Bioassessment** – MBI has delivered their draft report which has been reviewed by staff. The issued comments are currently being integrated.
- **Salt Creek Bioassessment** – Draft report is under development (data on principal outputs has already been supplied).

11. Chlorides

- **Workshops** – The NE IL Salt Conference was held in-person on Sept. 12, 2023. Public Roads deicing workshop webinars were held on Sept. 26, Oct. 4, and Oct. 10. Parking Lots & Sidewalks webinars were held on Oct. 3 and Oct. 17, 2023. Workshop sponsorships came from Kane County, Des Plaines Watershed Workgroup, North Branch Watershed Workgroup (\$1,100). Vendor fees were sparse this year with K-Tech (\$300) supporting the five workshops and Henderson and Kueper supporting the in-person Sept. 12 Salt Conference (\$400). The Salt Conference netted a loss of \$520.15. The Parking Lots & Sidewalks (P&S) Workshops netted \$2161.09 (TCF did not request presentation fees.); and the Public Roads Workshops netted a loss of \$548.34. TCF has requested to retain the P&S funds for SaltSmart initiatives. The Public Roads Workshops deficit will be covered by a portion of the \$905.35 held in escrow from the 2022 workshops. Based on the certificates of attendance requested, attendance numbers

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were 690 for the three Public Roads workshops and 330 for the two Parking Lots & Sidewalks workshops. There were 154 registrations and 278 log-ins for the five workshops for a total of 1020 attendees. The in-person Salt Conference had 101 attendees. At their November 15, 2023 meeting, the Executive Board approved motion to approve an expenditure of \$260.07 to cover half of the cost overages from the Salt Conference. The CAWS Chloride Workgroup will cover the remaining overage.

- **Salt Management Questionnaire** – The Chloride Management BMP questionnaire has not yet been issued. It will go out to cover the winter of 2022-23.
- **BMP and Loading analysis** – The final report is under review.
- **SB2138 (liability for contractors)** – No update.
- **Salt Smart Collaborative**– TCF received a 319 grant to develop an Illinois based training and certification program for Parking Lots & Sidewalks with guidance from a steering committee. A new manual and training program rolled out in Spring 2023. This project has been nominated for the Chloride Reduction Leadership Award for the 2023 Salt Symposium. J. Hammer and S. McCracken are members of the Salt Smart Collaborative Steering Committee.
- **Time Limited Water Quality Standard (TLWQS) for Chlorides for the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) and portion of the Lower Des Plaines** – No update.
- **ILR00 and Chlorides** – No update.
- **Street Sweeping data** – Data is being collected at Itasca, Wood Dale and Carol Stream. These members use a contractor who generates tonnage data that should allow the calculation of total chloride captured at each. The plan is to collect this throughout the year. Analysis of the data is ongoing.

12. Other Activities

- **MS4 Permit Update** – The IEPA has completed their review of the comments received on the draft IRR40 and has revised the draft permit. The revised permit is currently undergoing interval review by IEPA staff before being sent to the USEPA. The permit will not be released until it has been approved by the USEPA.
 - **MS4 Activities Report** – The 2022-23 DRSCW ILR40 Activities Report was emailed to members on April 7, 2023.
- **Upper Salt Creek 319 Watershed Plan** – The final plan has been moved to the DRCSW website and can be found at <https://drscw.org/watershed-descriptions/salt-creek-watershed/>
- **Website** – SSL (security updates) have been done for both websites.
- **Coal-Tar Sealants Update** – The Village of La Grange is considering some type of ban.
- **Newsletter** – The Summer 2023 newsletter on the NIP was distributed in July 2023.
- **Utility Management** – No update.

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- **Bacteria on Salt Creek** – No colonies were observed during summer 2023.
- **Triennial Review** – Illinois EPA Bureau of Water is conducting a triennial review of the State’s Water Quality Standards (WQS). The purpose of the triennial review is to assess, develop, update, and revise WQS once every three years in accordance with the CWA. Public meetings were held on July 6 at 2:00pm and 6:00pm. The Public Comments period closed on September 7, 2023:
<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/standards/triennial-review.html#:~:text=The%20purpose%20of%20the%20triennial,in%20accordance%20with%20the%20CWA.>
- **WQIP** – DuPage County Stormwater Management is accepting applications for the agencies Water Quality Improvement Grant. Applicants can apply for reimbursement of up to 25 percent of costs for projects that improve water quality. Applicants may apply virtually through the WQIP Grant Application portal. The application deadline is Jan. 5, 2024. The WQIP Grant Application Packet can be downloaded at:
https://www.dupagecounty.gov/government/departments/stormwater_management/grants/water_quality_improvement_program.php.

13. Business Items (new business)

- **Invoice Summary for Review – October 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023**

| Vendor/Project | Invoice Number | Amount (\$) | Status |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Eureka Water Probes - Sonde repairs | 58432 | 3,120.06 | Paid |
| First Environmental - EBDR Chemical | 3 invoices | 3,142.50 | Pending |
| First Environmental - EBDR Chemical | 179104 | 510.00 | Pending |
| The Conservation Foundation - July - Sept Exps | 13201 | 2,773.94 | Pending |
| V3 Companies - Fawell Dam | 923538 | 11,307.60 | Pending |
| V3 Companies - Fawell Dam | 1023481 | 1,124.16 | Pending |

- **Financial Reports through October 31, 2023** (Attachment 2)
- **Membership Dues Payment Update (through November 30, 2023)** (Attachment 3).

14. Presentation and Workshops

- September 6, 2023 – Chloride TMDL: Behind the Scenes, Wisconsin Salt Wise. Stephen McCracken & Hanna Miller, The Conservation Foundation.
- October 3, 2023 – DRSCW/LDRWC NIP, DC SWM Committee Meeting. Stephen McCracken, The Conservation Foundation

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- November 8, 2023 – Update on the Master Plan for Salt Creek at Fullersburg Woods. TCF DuPage County Advisory Council, Deanna Doohaluk, The Conservation Foundation
- Accepted invitations to speak on the Master Plan at Fullersburg Woods on January 24, 2024 for the Sierra Club and in Hinsdale for the UU Church (open to public, date not yet decided).

15. Other Business

- *Beyond the Basics 2024 – In cooperation with DuPage County Stormwater, The Conservation Foundation is hosting the Beyond the Basics, a biennial virtual conference, to elevate the standard of professional stormwater practice in DuPage County and the surrounding region. This year's virtual conference will be held on Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 from 8:30-12pm. If you are a subject matter expert and interested in sharing your knowledge with this conference's 400+ virtual attendees, please consider submitting an abstract at <https://forms.office.com/r/bN2AmANrsr>.*
- *Water and Waste Management (WWM) – WWM 2024 will be held on February 12-14, 2024 in Chanhga, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. Contact S. McCracken for more information.*

16. Future Meeting Schedule

December 6, 2023 from 9AM-11AM
February 28, 2024 from 9AM-11AM
April 24, 2024 from 9AM-11AM
June 26, 2024 from 9AM-11AM
August 28, 2024 from 9AM-11AM
October 30, 2024 from 9AM-11AM
December 4, 2024 from 9AM-11AM

S. Zehner made a motion to adjourn at 10:43am. The motion was seconded by G. Ulreich.