

DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup
Annual Meeting Minutes
Village of Lombard Community Room
255 E. Wilson Avenue, Lombard, Illinois
February 25, 2026

Equivalent of 1 PDH Recognized for Attendance

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_VjDztXoQ4e3en7NdwnFeg

President Underwood called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

9:00-9:10 Welcome, Introductory Remarks

Amy Underwood – DRSCW President & General Manager, Downers Grove Sanitary District

9:10-10:00 Annual Business Meeting

- **Approval of the minutes for the December 3, 2025 meeting** (Attachment 1) *S. Zehner made a motion to approve the December 3, 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by M. Streicher. The motion passed with two (2) abstentions.*

- **Election of Officers and Members-at-Large FY 2026-27**

- President – Amy Underwood, President
- Vice President – Matt Streicher, Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer – Pinakin Desai, MWRDGC
- At Large – Mary Beth Falsey, DuPage County SWM
- At Large – Ryan Hayden, Village of Addison
- At Large – Steve Zehner, Robinson Engineering, Inc.
- At Large – Brett Garelli, Village of Wood Dale
- At Large – Sean Reese, DuPage County

✓ *D. Streicher made a motion to approve the nominated slate as presented. The motion was seconded by S. Zehner. The motion passed with one (1) abstention.*

- **Appointment of Committee Chairpersons by Incoming President**

- Projects Committee Chairperson – Greg Ulreich, Village of Westmont
- Monitoring Committee Chairperson – Jennifer Hammer, The Conservation Foundation

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- 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

✓ *President Underwood appointed the Committee Chairs as presented to their positions.*

• **Adoption of FY 2026-27 Budget**

- Approval of the FY 26-27 Annual Dues Schedule and Annual Dues by Agency (Attachment 2). Annual dues for all Agency, Associate and Individual members will increase by 3%
 - ✓ *S. Zehner made a motion to approve the FY2026-27 Dues Schedule. The motion was seconded by J. Almeroth. The motion passed unanimously.*
- FY 26-27 will be the first year of project assessments under the Workgroup's Nutrient Implementation Plan (NIP). These NIP assessments are based on individual plant M&O cost estimates for the 13 facilities who participated in the first phase of the NIP Special Condition, in lieu of adopting a 1.0 mg/l monthly for FY 26-27 through FY 29-30 and a 0.5 mg/L limit beginning FY 30-31.
- Review and approval of the FY 2026-27 Budget (Attachment 3 – one-page budget summary, see also page 11 of budget and five-year plan document).
<https://files.constantcontact.com/0fa48d3a001/f7f51f09-51c2-4d67-b0f2-18bb9ba6b6b1.pdf>
 - ✓ *L. Cox made a motion to approve the FY 2026-27 Budget. The motion was seconded by S. Zehner. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Presentation and discussion of the detailed Four-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2027-2028 to 2030-2031. The Four-Year Financial Plan was also emailed to all members on 02/16/2026.
 - ✓ *D. Gorman 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 S. Zehner. The motion passed unanimously.*

• **Financial Report (Attachment 4) and Vendor Invoice Summary - November 1, 2026 to January 31, 2026**

Vendor/Project	Invoice Number	Amount (\$)	Status
Barnes & Thornburg - NIP Support	3504647	2,225.00	Paid
Fehr Graham - Fawell	134379	735.25	Paid
Fehr Graham - Fawell	135493	52.75	Paid
First Environmental Labs - Salt Creek Sediment	194934	2,739.00	Paid
First Environmental Labs - Salt Creek Sediment	195242	1,826.00	Paid

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First Environmental Labs - Salt Creek Sediment	195583	1,826.00	Paid
Harland Clarke - Checks for New Account	NA	112.38	Paid
Hey and Associates - Fullersburg Dam Project	21043	1,747.63	Paid
Inter-Fluve - Lower EBDP Project	21-04-12-09	16,889.00	Approved
Lauterbach & Amen – Tax Return Prep.	111741	2020.00	Pending
MBI - EBDP 2023 Bioassessment	2397	2,680.33	Pending
MBI - Klein Creek 2025 Bioassessment	2383	7,236.87	Paid
MBI - Klein Creek 2025 Bioassessment	2405	2,638.40	Pending
MBI - NARP Support	2353	7,130.62	Paid
MBI - Salt Creek 2021 Bioassessment	2398	2,972.69	Pending
MBI - Salt Creek 2025 Bioassessment	2378	49,220.17	Paid
MBI - Salt Creek 2025 Bioassessment	2404	12,002.72	Pending
MBI - Spring Brook 2025 Bioassessment	2384	7,898.69	Paid
MBI - Spring Brook 2025 Bioassessment	2406	2,022.34	Pending
Murray & Trettel - Weather Data 2025-26	0126-565	1,450.00	Paid
The Conservation Fdn - Xylem Handheld Probe	13701	8,548.07	Paid
The Conservation Fdn - Interns, May/June	13629	7,065.49	Paid
The Conservation Fdn - Interns, July/Aug	13630	934.51	Paid
The Conservation Fdn - July - Sept Exps.	13671	8,618.23	Pending
The Conservation Fdn - Oct - Dec Exps.	13721	3,898.76	Pending

• **DRSCW Calendar**

- October 8, 2025 – Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP) Noon Network– field tour of Fullersburg Dam removal in Oakbrook, DuPage County. Hosts: Deanna Doohaluk, Stephen McCracken, DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group, Tim Pollowy, Hey and Associates, Inc.
- October 23, 2025 – IPRA Recognized Project Presentation, Master Plan at Fullersburg Woods, Virtual, Stephen McCracken (filling in for Eric Neidy).
- January 30, 2026- Update on NARPs, IWEA Governmental Affairs Workshop, Rick Manner, Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District, Stephen McCracken, DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group
- February 22-25, 2026 – Plenary Session, Partnership for River Restoration and Science in the Upper Midwest, Presenters: Stephen McCracken, DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group
- March 25th, 2026 - AFS North Central Division Rivers and Stream Technical Committee Rock Island, IL: Presenter: Stephen McCracken, DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group

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- **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 at the Village of Lombard.

April 29, 2026 from 9AM-11AM

June 24, 2026 from 9AM-11AM

August 26, 2026 from 9AM-11AM

October 28, 2026 from 9AM-11AM

December 2, 2026 from 9AM-11AM

February 24, 2027 from 9AM-11AM

10:00 – 10:55 DRSCW Activities Update

Presentation will include brief updates of the DRSCW's and Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition's (LDRWC) physical projects along with a review of the recommendations and update on the inclusion of the NIP recommendations in NPDES permits.

S. Zehner made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 am. The motion was seconded by M. Streicher.