



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2021

10AM

See meeting recording at <https://ldpwatersheds.org/about-us/lower-dupage-river-watershed-coalition/meetings-minutes/>

**Location:** Zoom

1. **Approve** Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2021 meeting. *Motion to approve July 15, 2021 meeting minutes as presented by Scott Killinger, seconded by Ryan Anderson. Motion carried.*
2. **Bioassessment 2021 update** *Jennifer provided update on bioassessment activities – Expanded DO sites are all completed, fecal coliform sampling is completed, MBI sampling is on-going, Microbac sampling is nearly complete. Sediment sampling will begin in early October.*
3. **Hammel Woods Project Update** *Jennifer shared pictures that the Forest Preserve took of the installation of the coffer dam, dismantling of the Hammel Woods Dam and the now free-flowing DuPage River. This is the first of two river restoration projects paid for through the NPDES Special Conditions funds. The project is now complete and open to the public, including a new canoe launch that the Forest Preserve had installed while the dam removal was being done. The Forest Preserve District staff will be putting together an invoice for the LDRWC for project re-imbursement as per our agreement.*
4. **2021 NPDES Permits** *Jennifer reminded members with permits to fully review all sections of their draft permits as IEPA is adding new components related to fecal coliform and the TMDL. The special condition language for WLA for Fecal Coliform have not been consistent with the TMDL document or across permits. Stephen McCracken from DRSCW has been tracking this and providing assistance to members in reviewing this and the special condition specific to workgroup participation. Please continue to share your draft permits with Jennifer. The new MS4 permit is also out for public comment. There are many new additions to several of the Minimum Control Measures. Please be sure to review and provide comments.*
  - **Education & Outreach:** *Lea provided an overview of the new joint website for Lower DuPage & Lower Des Plaines. Several new features are now incorporated including a section on blog posts that members can link to. Education & Outreach materials are now listed by topic instead of season and there are more informational resources for citizens on what the issues are and how they can help. Lea also reviewed fall materials that are available online. We are working on winter materials now and would like input from members for pictures and doing short interviews with public works staff for some new videos.*
    - a. Fall Outreach Materials
    - b. NEW Lower DuPage/Lower Des Plaines Website
    - c. Member Input Needed – new topics, pictures and video
    - d. Winter – Input requested
    - e. Pet Waste Signs & Bag Dispensers Available
5. **Calendar**
  - a. **Lower DuPage Watershed Coalition 2021 Member Meeting Schedule:**  
November 18

**b. Virtual Winter Deicing Workshops**

**Public Roads**

September 30, October 5 & October 12

**Parking Lots & Sidewalks**

September 28 & October 7