



Membership Meeting

May 26th, 2022

Minutes

Location: Zoom – Meeting Recording available at <https://ldpwatersheds.org/about-us/lower-des-plaines-watershed-group/meetings-minutes/>

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve March 24th, 2022 Meeting Minutes – *Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Scott Killinger, seconded by Allison Swisher, motion carried.*
- Approve - NARP – Dissolved Oxygen Regime Analysis for IPS Model – *Jennifer Hammer and Stephen McCracken (TCF/DRSCW) discussed the need for further analyzing continuous DO data and its relationship to nutrients and habitat data and incorporating continuous DO into the IPS Model structure. This project builds on previous work of the DRSCW and LDRWC as well as recently collected data from the Expanded DO Monitoring Program (DRSCW, LDRWC & LDWG) as well as data from Illinois EPA. The project will be coordinated by DRSCW staff and co-funded by LDWG.*

Motion to approve allocating \$25,000 to co-fund DO study for IPS project made by Eric Bjork, seconded by Dustin Gallagher, motion carried.

- Chloride TLWQS Update – USEPA approved on May 13th
 - Pollutant Minimization Plan template
 - Documentation Template
 - Mentoring Sessions

Jennifer provided an up date and reminder of tasks and deadlines related to the TLWQS. PMP template will be uploaded to the website along with documentation templates and the slides from TLWQS Basics mentoring sessions that were held in May. Future mentoring sessions will be held on a variety of topics chosen by permittees to support TLWQS implementation. We will be looking for hosts and presenters for peer to peer sharing of information. Jennifer asked that when people start receiving their permits from Illinois EPA to please forward them on to her.
- Discuss & Approve Chloride Reduction Plan for Lower Des Plaines Watershed for non-TLWQS entities. *The Chloride Reduction Plan was developed to support MWRD in meeting permit conditions for the Kirie Plant and overall reduction efforts across the watershed will support TLWQS permittees downstream. The plan was reviewed by the Chloride Committee and is meant as a guidance document sharing information from snow & ice plans from member communities. Once approved, the plan will be posted to the website and shared with members and potential members of the LDWG.*

Motion To approve the Chloride Reduction Plan for the Lower Des Plaines River Watershed as a guidance document for non-Chloride TLWQS portion of the LDWG service area. Made by Ed Dolezal, seconded by Allison Swisher, motion carried.

- Summer Outreach Materials - *A review of materials that were presented at the March meeting was provided. All outreach materials can be found on the website at <https://ldpwatersheds.org/outreach/>*
- 2022 Membership Meetings:
 - May 26
 - July 28
 - September 22
 - December 1 – moved one week later due to Thanksgiving Holiday