



# Membership Meeting

## July 28th, 2022

### Minutes

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

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve May 26th, 2022 Meeting Minutes *Motion to approve May 26, 2022 meeting minutes as presented made by Scott Killinger, seconded by Kyle Vester. Motion carried.*
- Update - NARP – RFP process for mainstem study plan

*DRSCW started work with MBI looking at DO and the IPS Model, this will take several months to complete. Two DO probes are being deployed for continuous DO data collection, one on Manhattan Creek and one on Jackson Branch – will be maintained by Alex Handel*

*Staff is working on an RFP for a Main Stem Des Plaines River Study Plan that will review existing data, identify specific questions to address NARP needs, define pros and cons of various water quality models to answer identified questions, make model recommendations, and develop plan for addressing data gaps and modeling process. RFP will be reviewed by Board and any other members interested in the review and project implementation and should be posted by mid-August. Proposals will be due by early September and approval for negotiating a contract will be requested at the September 22 meeting. The resulting “Plan” will be a part of the NARP recommendations. Please contact Jennifer Hammer if you are interested in participating on the review/project committee.*

*Illinois River Study Group update Illinois River Study Group Meeting notes: Stephen McCracken & Jennifer Hammer went to the Illinois River Study Group meeting this past Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at Starved Rock. We presented information on how our work groups formed and are setup. The new group is likely to focus on the Illinois River Watershed from Morris downstream. They will be working on assembling all of the available data, determining whether or not a NARP is the best tool for that part of the watershed and what additional data is needed. They want to make sure that whatever they do downstream will not impact the work of the watershed groups up in our area. They are also not looking for our watershed groups to actually “join” but may ask us for data and information on reductions being made up here. We will continue to watch how things unfold.*

- Chloride TLWQS Update –
  - *Draft permit out for public comment Draft permits were sent out to all petitioners in early July with comments due August 5. LDWG will be submitting comments including request for clarifications made in the fact sheet to be included in the actual permits, request to use the actual names of the two workgroups instead of the generic “chloride workgroup” and finally a revision of dates to reflect the correct years that various BMPs and reports are due. Please send a copy of any comments that are made to Jennifer.*
  - *Mentoring Sessions LDWG will continue to work with CAWCW to organize mentoring sessions this fall. The next one will be held in early September focused on filling out the PMP template and calibration sessions will be targeted for late October.*

- Fall Outreach Materials *Fall materials will be posted to the website by mid-August. New materials will focus on Fall Leaves for HOAs, Green Infrastructure – Bioswales and Ecology topic is the fish that lives in our watersheds. Requests for winter topics should be directed to Lea Rodbarry*
- 2022 Membership Meetings:
  - September 22
  - December 1 – moved one week later due to Thanksgiving Holiday