



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2023

10AM

Presentation from meetings are posted to <https://ldpwatersheds.org/about-us/lower-dupage-river-watershed-coalition/meetings-minutes/>

Location: Plainfield Public Works Facility

- 1. Approve** Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2022 meeting. *Motion to approve November 17, 2022 meeting minutes as presented in the meeting packet made by Randy Jessen, seconded by Joe Slevnik, motion carried.*
- 2. Executive Board Elections:**
 - 2023 Slate of Officers**
 - President – Doug Kissel, Village of Plainfield
 - Vice President – Nick Gornick, City of Joliet
 - Treasurer/Secretary – Joe Slevnik, City of Naperville
 - 2022 Slate of Members-at-Large**
 - Andrew Hawkins, Forest Preserve District of Will County
 - Deanna Doohaluk, The Conservation Foundation
 - Randy Jessen, Will County Stormwater Committee
 - Ryan Anderson, Village of Minooka

Motion to approve the Slate of Officers and Slate of Members-at-Large as presented made by Eric Bjork, seconded by Randy Jessen, motion carried
- 3. Discussion - Approve FY2023-2024 Annual Budget** – See attached budget. This is the second year of the three-year budget. The budget cycle is shifting to a four-year cycle as our bioassessment program shifts to a four-year cycle. Chemistry cost have increased by more than 20%, but with the shift in cycle there will be no increase in dues.

Jennifer reviewed the changes to the annual budget for FY 2023-2024 particularly related to change in monitoring cycle and increased chemistry costs for next round of Bioassessment. The chemistry costs were defrayed by extending the sampling cycle. The remaining of the savings from extending the cycle were moved into a new line items for NARP Round 2 studies as a place holder for next steps after completing the first round of NARP. Overall dues were reduced slightly. We will discuss expanding our budgeting cycle for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Motion to approve Dues as presented was made Randy Jessen, seconded by Andrew Hawkins, motion carried.

Motion to approve FY2023-2024 annual budget as presented by Deanna Doohaluk, seconded by Joe Slevnik, motion carried.
- 4. Approve:** 2023-2024 Staffing Contract with The Conservation Foundation – updated to reflect staffing costs in FY23-24 budget. *Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Staffing Contract with The Conservation Foundation as presented made by Joe Slevnik, seconded by Andrew Hawkins, motion carried with one abstention by Deanna Doohaluk.*
- 5. Update – DuPage River Restoration Project in Plainfield** *Hey and Associates have put together concept level plan and are working on running H&H modeling to evaluate the placement of practices. A follow-up meeting with the project committee should be scheduled for some time in February.*
- 6. 2022 Review – 2023 Preview** *Jennifer provided an overview of all of the activities of the group including pre & post project sampling, working with partner watershed groups to bid a general*

services contract for laboratory services, kicking off the start of our second river restoration project and a summary of all of the outreach materials.

- 7. NIP Update** – Deanna will provide a review of activities and plans for 2023 – *Deanna provide a high-level review of the Special Conditions Language and requirements for developing the NIP and the components that will be included. The next step is getting consensus on both the instream total phosphorus target and the proposed permit limit needed to hit the instream target. These discussions have been building over the last year and another meeting of Lower DuPage Dischargers will be held this winter to finalize discussions. Staff will continue meeting with IEPA and the EAGs this winter through the summer as a draft of the NIP will be put together.*

8. Education & Outreach:

- a. Winter – focus on winter deicing practices and winter safety. Blog posts and newsletter articles and social media post are now available on-line.
 - b. Spring – The topics for spring focus on water conservation
 - c. Pet Waste Campaign – on going
- All outreach materials are available at <https://ldpwatersheds.org/outreach/>*

9. Organization Updates:

- a. Membership Update –
- b. Treasurer’s Report –

10. Calendar

- a. February 22nd – DRSCW Annual Membership Meeting 9AM via Zoom
- b. **Lower DuPage Watershed Coalition 2023 Member Meeting Schedule:**
 - March 16
 - May 18
 - July 20
 - September 21
 - November 16