



# Annual Membership Meeting

## January 26, 2023

### Minutes

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

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve December 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes *Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Pete Grossi, seconded by Ed Dolezal. Motion carried.*
- Executive Board and Officers Elections
  - President - Allison Swisher, City of Joliet
  - Vice President - Mark Siefert, City of Crest Hill
  - Secretary/Treasurer - Keith McKeen, Village of New Lenox
  - Member at Large – Zachary Brown, Village of Frankfort
  - Member at Large - Ed Dolezal, Village of Channahon
  - Member at Large - Pete Grossi, Village of Lockport
  - Member at Large – Dustin Gallagher, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

*Motion to accept the slate of officers and members at large as presented made by Leonard Dane, seconded by Pete Grossi. Motion carried.*
- Review & Approve Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Budget – There is a minor increase in dues this year to cover increased chemistry costs for the Bioassessment. *Jennifer reviewed the budget summary and monitoring cost increases and the associated dues increase. Motion to approve budget as presented made by Ed Dolezal, seconded by Keith McKeen. Motion carried.*
- Approve TCF Staffing Contract – See attached, updated to reflect current dates and total staffing amount of \$126,978 as presented in the budget. This amount covers 1.475 FTE spread across five staff. *Motion to approve staffing contract with TCF as presented made by Ed Dolezal, seconded by Allison Swisher. Motion Carried.*
- Chloride TLWQS Update *Jennifer provided a summary of activities related to the TLWQS for Chloride over the last year. Joint meetings of the LDWG Chloride Committee and the Chicago Area Waterways Chloride Workgroup and mentoring sessions for TLWQS Basics, PMP Development and Calibration were held. The LDWG has posted all submitted Pollutant Minimization Plans on the TLWQS page on the website. A draft of the Annual Report Template has been shared through the chloride committee. The first final report will be due by July 1 and will also be posted to the website.*
- Review & Overview of Workgroup Activities *Jennifer provided a review of activities from 2022-2023. 2022 was an off year for the Bioassessment, next year we will start over again with the Lower Mainstem Des Plaines River. A new joint general services agreement was negotiated with First Environmental Lab for the next five years. Drafts for the combined 2018-2020 Des Plaines River Bioassessment and the 2020 Hickory Creek Bioassessment reports are expected this winter. For the NARP we held a meeting with tributary dischargers to discuss TP instream target and associated proposed effluent limit. Further discussions will be held this spring to confirm an*

*effluent limit and an implementation schedule. The LDWG also initiated a contract with Tetra Tech developing the Main Stem Des Plaines River NARP Strategy which will be included in the NARP as an action item for the next round. A kickoff meeting will be held sometime in February/March with a steering committee made up of mainstem dischargers.*

- Winter & Spring Outreach Materials *All outreach materials are available on line:*  
<https://ldpwatersheds.org/outreach/>
- 2023 Membership Meetings:
  - March 23
  - May 25
  - July 27
  - September 28
  - November 30