



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

10AM

**Location:** Plainfield Public Works Facility

1. **Approve** – Minutes from the September 15<sup>th</sup> membership meeting *Motion to approve September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes made by Eric Bjork, seconded by Andrew Hawkins, motion carried.*
2. **Update – Special Conditions Project 2 in Plainfield** Dave Kraft from Hey & Associates will provide an update on the concept design for the project. *Dave shared some slides showing several potential practices that could be implemented to increase instream habitat and flow diversification. Practices included shoreline stabilization, stream barbs, planting areas and riffles along with increasing native vegetation in the riparian areas. Hey staff will continue to refine the practices, locations and costs and then follow-up with putting the practices into the model to estimate changes in flow. Hey staff is also working closely with Plainfield staff to address any potential conflicts with future plans as part of their River Front Master Plan.*
3. **Update - NIP/NARP** Jennifer provided a recap of the meeting that was held in September with dischargers from Lower DuPage and DRSCW to discuss the implementation of an effluent limit to meet the IPS Model benchmark for Total Phosphorus. *There is a lot of discussion yet to be had, but the basic premise is to implement a 0.35 mg/L total phosphorus limit in wastewater permits with an extended implementation schedule to be operational in 2037 and meeting the limit by 2040. In the interim WWTPs would continue to pay into a special condition project fund. The specifics of payment rates and schedule is still being determined. Stephen McCracken from DRSCW will be reaching out to all operators to confirm plant specific information. We want to be sure to have accurate cost, operational and potential expansion information before we provide a draft of what assessments might look like.*  
*There was a lot of discussion around this item as many plants in the Lower DuPage have been removing phosphorus for 10+ years. This is definitely being taken into consideration and factored into how assessments will be presented, there will be different rates for different plants based on what the predicted saving will be from extending implementation of a lower total phosphorus effluent limit. The assessment will need to make financial sense to each community and in some cases, it may be more cost effective for a community to move forward with implementation sooner.*
4. **Discussion** – Bioassessment chemistry cost increases *The joint general services contact that we had with Microbac Laboratories expired in 2021. Deanna Doohaluk has been working with staff to gather new proposals for water quality sample collection and analysis associated with the bioassessment program and any additional sampling that we do. We have received three proposals – Microbac, Suburban Labs and First Environmental. All three proposals are much higher than our previous costs, we are still discussing the pros and cons of each proposal. With extending our sampling schedule to a 4-year rotation as discussed at the last meeting, we should be able to cover the increased cost without raising dues.*
5. **Update – Outreach Materials** Outreach materials have been sent to communications staff and are posted on the website at [www.LDPWatersheds.org/Outreach](http://www.LDPWatersheds.org/Outreach)
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6. **Organization Updates:**
  - a. Membership Update –

b. Treasurer's Report –

**7. Calendar**

- a. December 7th – DRSCW Membership Meeting 9AM via Zoom
- b. January 19, 2023 - LDRWC Annual Meeting**