



# Membership Meeting

## March 23, 2023

### Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions *Meeting recording available at <https://ldpwatersheds.org/about-us/lower-des-plaines-watershed-group/meetings-minutes/>*
- **Approve January 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes** *Motion to approve January 26, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Zach Brown, seconded by Keith McKeen. Motion carried*
- **Annual Reports:** *Special Conditions Annual Report was submitted to IEPA on behalf of all member WWTPs and the MS4 Annual Report was sent to all member agencies. Both reports are posted on the website at <https://ldpwatersheds.org/about-us/lower-des-plaines-watershed-group/our-work/reports-resources/>*
- **NARP Strategy Development Kick-off update** *All available data has been shared with Tetra Tech and a kick-off meeting was held with mainstem dischargers on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Initial water budget and phosphorus budget was shared from the first look at the data and additional project goals were discussed. Tetra Tech Staff will continue with data review and how modeling may be used to achieve the goals of the NARP in the most efficient way possible. A project update will be provided by Tetra Tech at the May meeting.*
- **Chloride TLWQS Update** *All information and reports related to the TLWQS are available at <https://ldpwatersheds.org/about-us/lower-des-plaines-watershed-group/our-work/chloride-tlwqs/> If you have completed your PMP, please submit a copy to us so it can be posted on the website. The first Annual Report is due on July 1, 2023. Mentoring sessions will be held online in late May/early June to provide any needed assistance in filling out the Annual Report Template. Once completed and submitted to IEPA, please send a copy of the report in both PDF and Word/Excel format to the Workgroup so it can be posted to the website. The Conservation Foundation has a new Salt Smart and You exhibit that can be “checked-out” and displayed at your library or municipal center, contact Jennifer for details. Staff are working on putting together an Illinois Salt Symposium geared towards management level staff, we are targeting early September. Working with the CAWCW we will be putting together a “Why Chlorides” video to be included as part of annual training for staff, we will be reaching out to members to be a part of the video.*
- **Salt Smart Certified program update** *The Conservation Foundation has finalized the new Illinois Winter Maintenance Manual for Parking Lots and Sidewalks, it will also be available in Spanish and will be posted to the SaltSmart.org website. Trainings will be offered this summer and fall in both in-person and virtual options.*
- **Spring Outreach Materials** *New materials on Water Conservation, Bioswales and Green Roofs are now available at <https://ldpwatersheds.org/outreach/>*
- **2023 Membership Meetings:**

- May 25
- July 27
- September 28
- November 30