



NBWW MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Rob Flood, North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Chair, called the NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee meeting to order at 12:34pm.

2. Roll Call

Monitoring Committee members present were **Rob Flood**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); **Larry Bridges**, Skokie Consolidated Drainage District (SCDD); **Chris Johnson**, Illinois Sierra Club; **Alana Bartolai**, Lake County Health Department; **Cecilia Anderson**, Village of Lincolnshire; **Anna Braum**, Forest Preserve District of Cook County; **Leonard Dane**, Hey & Associates; and **Michael Warner**, Gewalt Hamilton. A roll call was performed. A full list of meeting attendees is at the bottom of the meeting minutes.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Approve September 11, 2024 NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes

Bridges motioned to accept the September 11, 2024, NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Warner. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Old Business

a. Water column chemistry monitoring update

Flood gave an update to the Monitoring Committee that NSWRD completed all FY24 sampling. The Committee reviewed the FY24 summary of the water column chemistry data and discussed potential hotspots in the watershed. A question was asked if the NBWW knew the fecal coliform source (from the Total Maximum Daily Load – TMDL), whether it was human (pipe discharge) or habitat driven? The workgroup did not know but this could be tested for genetic testing. This is a consideration with the NARP and implementation of the NARP.

b. Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan update

Brian Valleskey, Geosyntec Consultants, gave an update on the NBWW NARP. Geosyntec developed watershed scenarios to inform NBWW on additional watershed scenarios to run for the NARP. Geosyntec has already run three watershed scenarios and is looking for input from the workgroup for at least another 3 (per the NBWW agreement with Geosyntec). There was discussion with Brian on some of the specifics of the 8 proposed additional scenarios. It was concluded that the Committee would like more time with this decisions and Strelcheck would send out the 8 scenarios to the Monitoring Committee and Executive Board members to rank and prioritize. Strelcheck will combine all the information and present the results at the November 13, 2024 NBWW meetings for further discussion.

c. Water quality summary report update

Geosyntec is revising the memorandum submitted in August 2024 based on feedback from the NBWW



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Wednesday, October 09, 2024 @ 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Village of Deerfield, Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015

members. Rob Flood, Chuck Bodden and Ashley Strelcheck met with Geosyntec on September 17, 2024 to go over NBWW's report expectations and revision requests. The revised draft report will be submitted to the NBWW in mid-October.

6. New Business

a. NBWW FY24 Workplan Review & Scorecard Approval

Strelcheck presented the 2018-2023 NBWW Workplan for member review and comments. The Committee requested the cover page be updated to reflect that the NBWW is operating under the 2018-2023 until after the NARP has been submitted (December 2025) and will be updated in 2026. Strelcheck presented the 2024 Workplan Scorecard with actions completed by the workgroup for review and approval. Bridges motioned to accept the 2024 Workplan Scorecard as presented, seconded by Johnson.

7. Member Remarks

Just a reminder, there is a 2024 Regional Deicing Event remaining (register here:

<https://saltsmart.org/workshops/>): Roadways: October 15, 2024.

SCDD will have a new alternate to bring for consideration (vote) at the November 13, 2024 NBWW Monitoring Committee meeting.

8. Next Meeting: NBWW Monitoring Committee meeting: November 13, 2024, Deerfield, Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015 (Council Chambers Board Room)

9. Adjournment – 1:35pm

Bridges motioned to adjourn, seconded by Warner. The motion passed unanimously.

NBWW Monitoring Committee Meeting Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Alana Bartolai	Lake County Health Department
Anna Braum	Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Ashley Strelcheck	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, NBWW Coordinator
Brandon Janes	Village of Deerfield
Brian Valleskey	Geosyntec Consultants
Cecilia Anderson	Village of Lincolnshire
Chris Johnson	Illinois Sierra Club
Chuck Bodden	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Josephine Meincke	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Larry Bridges	Skokie Consolidated Drainage District
Leonard Dane	Hey & Associates
Michael Warner	Gewalt Hamilton
Rob Flood	North Shore Water Reclamation District,