

# Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2018 10AM

**Location:** Plainfield Public Works Facility – 14400 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield

1. **Approve: Minutes from September 20, 2018 meeting** *Motion to approve minutes by Deanna Doohaluk, seconded by Joe Slevnik. Motion carried.*
2. **Special Conditions Update:** *Deanna provided a short overview of the POTW Meeting that DRSCW hosted on November 8<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for permit renewals in 2020, DRSCW wanted to make sure that members were still on board with maintaining the Special Conditions Language as it is for the next round of permits. These discussions are pertinent for the LDWRC as this language is also being incorporated to current permit renewals for Lower DuPage POTWs. All members are in favor of maintaining this language and the funding that goes with it.*
3. **Education & Outreach:**
  - a. *Winter Outreach Campaign Materials Monica Rockstroh reviewed Winter Outreach Campaign materials and received input from members on re-ordering cups and magnets and developing a bumper sticker. We also discussed creating SaltSmart.org website to house the campaign so it could more easily be shared between the Lower DuPage and Lower DesPlaines watershed groups as well as possibly expanding the program into the DRSCW watersheds.*
  - b. *Salt Smart for Communities Presentation Jennifer Hammer developed a presentation that could be used by members to share information with other staff and elected officials to help promote the use of smart salting practices in member communities. Jennifer asked for input to improve the presentation and will post it to the DuPageRivers.org website.*
  - c. *Winter Deicing Workshops Recap Lower DuPage and Lower DesPlaines jointly hosted two Winter Deicing Workshops in October. The Public Roads workshop was held on October 23 and had 90 participants – our largest number of participants yet. The Parking Lots and Sidewalks workshop was held October 16<sup>th</sup> with 19 participants. While we had a good group of people at the second workshop, we are exploring ways to greatly increase attendance for this workshop.*
  - d. *Winter BMP Survey Monica Rockstroh provided information on how to respond to the Winter BMP Survey as we have made some changes to the on-line format to allow respondents to save the survey and come back to it. Monica will be following up with communities as this information is a part of required information for annual reporting and compliance with NPDES permits.*
4. **Update Nutrient Implementation Plan:** *Deanna Doohaluk reported the Nutrient Science Advisory Committee (NSAC) is supposed to provide their draft report to Illinois EPA on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It will be available for public comment shortly after Illinois EPA receives it.*
5. **Monitoring Program Update:**
  - a. *Bioassessment Recap Jennifer Hammer provided a recap of monitoring activities over the summer. All 41 stations were sampled for fish, macroinvertebrates, habitat and water chemistry. A subset of six sites were sampled for sediment.*
  - b. *Winter Conductivity Monitoring – Jennifer Hammer will work with three communities to use DO probe housing to deploy conductivity probes for the winter as a proxy for*

*instream chloride levels. Additional grab samples will be collected and analyzed to compare to the new conductivity probes.*

**6. Updates:**

- a. Membership Update – *nearly all of dues have been collected for FY2018, the remaining members have payments in process.*
- b. Treasurer’s Report –

**7. Calendar**

- a. December 12th – DRSCW membership meeting 9AM at Village of Lombard
- b. January 17th – Lower DuPage Watershed Coalition Annual Meeting