



# Annual Membership Meeting

## January 14, 2021

### Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve November 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes *Motion made by Scott Killinger, second by Keith McKeen, motion carried.*
- Executive Board and Officers Elections *Motion made by Alicia Hurley, seconded by Scott Killinger, motion carried.*
  - 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 - Ed Dolezal, Village of Channahon
  - Member at Large - Pete Grossi, Village of Lockport
  - Member at Large - Jennifer Wasik, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
- Approve Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Budget – See attached  
*Jennifer Hammer updated staffing billing rates numbers to \$114,706, a reduction of approximately \$3600 from what was originally emailed as part of the meeting packet. Motion made by Jennifer Wasik, seconded by Scott Killinger, motion carried.*
- NPDES Permit Updates – *Jennifer Hammer reminded members to share their draft NPDES permits with her so that we can make sure special conditions language related to the LDWG and NARP is included and consistent. Jennifer Wasik provided some information about a chloride limit and Reasonable Potential Analysis that was included in their draft permit. Kirie Plant is not included in the TLWQS for Chlorides. MWRD will be continuing discussions with IEPA on how to address this in a manner consistent with the requirements in the TLWQS.*
- Review 2020 Workgroup Activities – *Presentation is posted at [www.lowerdesplaineswatershed.org](http://www.lowerdesplaineswatershed.org)*
- Overview of 2021 Workgroup Activities – *Presentation is posted at [www.lowerdesplaineswatershed.org](http://www.lowerdesplaineswatershed.org) Bioassessment sampling will continue this summer with the remaining tributaries. 50-60 stations will be sampled as part of the bioassessment, ~12 sites for the expanded DO program and 10-15 sites for fecal coliform. Staff is working on finalizing station locations. NARP activities will include meeting with tributary dischargers to discuss the implications of moving forward with using the IPS Model nutrient benchmarks to make sure everyone is comfortable with that approach. Work will begin to better understand the upstream conditions for the mainstem – both upstream of Willow Creek and what comes in from the Ship & Sanitary Canal. We will continue to see how we can partner with DRSCW & LDRWC on other*

*components of NARP including trading programs. We will also utilize IPS Model outputs on tributaries to start to identify potential projects that can address nutrient related impairments.*

- *Winter Seasonal Campaign Materials Lea Rodbarry provided a review of the winter materials that are available on the website including blog and social media posts, posters, FAQ sheet, and a reminder about scatter cups and bookmarks.*
- *Pet Waste Campaign Lea Rodbarry reminded members about the Pet Waste Campaign that The Conservation Foundation is coordinating. Signs and Poop Bag Dispensers are available for free to communities and park districts in the watershed.*
- **2021 Membership Meetings:**
  - **March 11**
  - **May 13**
  - **July 8**
  - **September 9**
  - **November TBD**