

**DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
Lombard Village Hall
August 31, 2016
9:00 – 11:00 AM**

- 1. Approval of June 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)**
Nick Menninga made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Sue Baert; motion carried unanimously.
- 2. NPDES Permit Special Conditions (Old Business)**
 - Remaining POTW Permits (Elmhurst, Wheaton & Wood Dale)/ Special Conditions Update.
 - MWRD-GC Permit Special Condition Update.
 - Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition Permit Condition Update.
- 3. Funding update (SB2081) (Old Business)**
 - IGIG grant program.
- 4. Projects Committee (Old Business)**
 - Oak Meadows Update (Special Conditions Project 1).
A site visit with the Village of Wood Dale was cancelled. The project looks good and we plan to hold the DRSCW's October meeting at Oak Meadows.
 - Fawell Dam Update (Special Conditions Project).
 - Fullersburg Woods Concept Plan Development.
The Projects Committee will meet to discuss this plan in the next couple of weeks.
 - PAHs & Coal Tar Sealants (CTS) - U.S. EPA is proposing that federally-regulated industrial facilities not be eligible for coverage under EPA's industrial stormwater general permit if they apply or reapply coal tar pavement sealants.
The coal tar industry has approached the DRSCW to meet a number of times. Cindy Skrukruud noted that the information EPA included on CTS is a big first step in the regulatory process.
 - IPS Tool Development - Contract signed by both parties.
This is project also had a direct relationship to the Nutrient Implementation Plan (NIP).
- 5. Monitoring Committee (Old Business)**
 - Resource Manager's Guide to Aquatic Bioassessment.
 - DO Monitoring.
 - Salt Creek Bioassessment – First pass complete, second scheduled for late September.
 - Reference Sites – Sampling began in August. Three locations will be monitored, two on Aux Sable and one on Prairie Creek.
 - USGS Phosphorus Study – Board is reviewing an agreement to fund research in the amount of \$2500 to USGS to support ongoing research.
- 6. Chloride Reduction Committee (New Business)**
 - 2015-2016 Deicing Questionnaires – Thank you! We received responses from almost all agency members.
 - Chloride Offset Program with the Illinois Tollway - Proposals from Bensenville and Wood Dale have been submitted to the Tollway and agreement should be in place as early as Thanksgiving.
 - The level of service workshop provided by Wilf Nixon, Salt Institute, has been scheduled with DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for September 26th from 8:00 – 10:00 AM at Village Hall in Oak Brook. Mayor Weisner, City of Aurora, and Phil Modaff, Village of Carol Stream,

are included on the agenda (find the registration link here: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ed2o52jgd1e7d341&oseq=&c=&ch=>).

- A draft trends analysis has been submitted and is being reviewed by the chloride committee.
- Chloride Workshops (Parking Lots & Sidewalks, September 22, 2016; Public Roads, September 27, 2016 – **PLEASE NOTE THE REVISED DATE FOR PUBLIC ROADS**).
- Chloride Toxicity Study – The DRSCW is supporting the study to the amount of \$2500.00.
- CAWS and Des Plaines River Chloride Variance Update.

7. Watershed Permitting Update (Old Business)

8. Update on TMDL Development for the DuPage River/Salt Creek (Old Business)

Illinois EPA's TMDL Division requested assistance gathering data for the QUAL 2K model on the West Branch DuPage River. Monitoring under low-flow conditions was conducted in July/August at two locations on Spring Brook North (West Branch DuPage River) in Wheaton. The second site, in Hanover Park, is yet to be completed. Work has been delayed due to weather.

9. Watershed Committee Updates – West Branch, East Branch and Salt Creek

- Lower Salt Creek 319 Watershed Plan update.

10. Business Items (New Business)

- Membership Dues 2016-2017 (Attachment 2). Welcome to three new members: City of Aurora, Village of Western Springs, and Ruckert & Mielke Inc.
- Financial Report – (Attachment 3).
- New FTE. Twenty-six candidates expressed interest in this posting. The selection process is proceeding.
- Other Business.

11. DRSCW Calendar, Presentations and Press Coverage (Old Business)

- September 26, 2016 – Levels of Service Workshop with DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference at Oak Brook Village Hall.
- November 2, 2016 – Chicago Wilderness Conference - FRSG, DRSCW & Hickory Creek Forming and running Watershed Planning Groups.
- *July 26, 2016 - Stephen McCracken and Larry Cox participated in a Vital Lands webinar and provided a presentation, "Funding Stream Restoration Projects through Uncommon Partnerships" with Dan Lobbes.*

12. Workgroup Meeting Schedule

- ***October 26, 2016 at Oak Meadows***
- December 14, 2016
- February 22, 2017
- April 26, 2017
- June 28, 2017
- August 30, 2017
- October 25, 2017

13. Nutrient Implementation Plan – Kick-off Meeting (attachment 4)

The DRSCW's Special Condition calls for development of a Nutrient Implementation Plan (NIP). The plan will be a framework, built around other deliverables in the special condition, notably the QUAL 2K model development, the non-point source model development and the nutrient trading

study. The plan must identify and prioritize algae and DO impaired areas, then allocate ameliorative activities accordingly. The special condition text related to the NIP is supplied in Attachment 4.

Following the abbreviated business meeting, attendees participated in the NIP kick-off meeting.