

**DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
Maple Meadows Golf Club
Wood Dale, IL
October 26, 2016
9:00 – 11:00 AM**

1. Approval of August 31, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)

Nick Menninga made a motion to approve the August 31, 2016 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Sue Baert; motion carried unanimously.

2. Winter Level of Service in Carol Stream

During a snow or ice event, achieving an adequate level of service in a cost effective manner can be a daunting task. When and where should you plow? How much salt is too much or too little? Are you using the right materials? Faced with supply and environmental pressures Carol Stream has rationalized its level of service during the last few years. Learn how Village staff came up with a successful level of service strategy and communicated it to its citizens and elected officials.

Presenter: Phil Modaff, Director of Public Works, Village of Carol Stream

The Village of Carol Stream does not specify time goals for roads to be clear. After operators work 15 hours, they are sent home to sleep for 6 hours. Carol Stream plows cul de sacs unless accumulation is less than ½ inch. Cul de sacs are addressed last because they are difficult to plow and speeds are low, no salt is applied. Their budget includes almost \$250,000 for the use of contractors. Carol Stream offers training for subcontractors and almost a full day of training for their operators (roads, water/sewer, mechanics) which includes equipment calibration. Carol Stream does not compare their snow fighting operations to neighboring communities; however, their residents compare current operations to past practices.

3. 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. - The Naperville POTW Permit has been publicly posted.

4. Funding update (SB2081) (Old Business)

- IGIG grant program.

5. Projects Committee (Old Business)

- Oak Meadows Update (Special Conditions Project 1).
- Fawell Dam Update (Special Conditions Project). Projects committee is moving into the design and permitting phase. Requesting \$200,000 be made available to the committee to bring this project to its construction phase. Scopes will be reviewed at the meeting on the 3rd of November.
Sue Baert made a motion to make \$200,000 available to the projects committee for the Fawell Dam Project; seconded by Rick Federighi; all voted in favor; none opposed.
- Fullersburg Woods Concept Plan Development – Project team is reviewing RFQs received from companies with social outreach and opinion surveying experience to advise on this framework. Meeting on the 3rd of November to review them.
- IPS Tool Development – Kick off meeting will be scheduled in next few months. The Lower DuPage Coalition will also be involved in the development and subsequent meetings (funding 50% of costs).

6. Monitoring Committee (Old Business)

- DO monitoring. Finished for 2016.
- Chloride Monitoring – Starting in December, hope to add Naperville.
- Salt Creek Bioassessment – First and second passes completed. Sediment monitoring began in October; plan to conclude during first week of November.
- USGS Phosphorus Study – Agreement still to be signed.
- Resource Manager’s Guide to Aquatic Bioassessment.

7. Chloride Reduction Committee (New Business)

- 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 was held with DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference on September 26th from 8:00 – 10:00 AM at Village Hall in Oak Brook. Mayor Weisner, City of Aurora, was not able to attend. Wilf Nixon, Salt Institute, Phil Modaff, Village of Carol Stream, and Stephen McCracken, DRSCW provided presentations.
- A draft trends analysis is being reviewed by the chloride committee.
- Two well-attended chloride reduction workshops were held at DuPage County DOT (Parking Lots & Sidewalks, September 22, 2016; Public Roads, September 27, 2016). Thank you to John Kawka and his staff for their support in hosting the event.
- Chloride Toxicity Study – The DRSCW is supporting the study in the amount of \$2500.00. First report from the consortium has been issued.
- CAWS and Des Plaines River Watershed chloride variance update.

8. Watershed Permitting Update (Old Business)

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

This item is in support of Illinois EPA's TMDL Division to develop QUAL 2K models on the West Branch DuPage River and its tributary Spring Brook. Monitoring was completed in August at two locations on Spring Brook North (West Branch DuPage River) in Wheaton and in September at one location in Schaumburg. Data has been shared with the Illinois EPA and contractor. Thanks to Villa Park (Salt Creek) and Glenbard (East Branch DuPage River) for supplying CSO flow data to contractor.

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

- Lower Salt Creek 319 Watershed Plan update- We are placing the 2016 QHEI data into GIS format and will fill in any blanks. Data will be sent to CMAP for inclusion in the watershed inventory section of the plan.

11. Business Items (New Business)

- Membership Dues 2016-2017 (Attachment 2).
- Financial Report – (Attachment 3).
- New FTE. The Conservation Foundation is pleased to announce Deanna Doohaluk began on October 17th to fulfill the 1 FTE DRSCW vacancy. The contract addendum to the Conservation Foundation Contract (signed June 28th 2016) can be found as Attachment 4.
Welcome Deanna! Nick Menninga made a motion to approve the contract addendum with The Conservation Foundation; seconded by Dennis Streicher; motion carried unanimously.
- Board Appointment – Rob Swanson, DuPage County, accepted a position with MWRD-GC. His departure leaves the DRSCW Board Secretary/Treasurer position vacant. DRSCW bylaws state (Article 6; Section 6), “Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Board until a successor is duly elected at the next Annual Meeting.” Rick Federighi, Village of Addison, current Member-At-Large, was appointed Secretary/Treasurer; Mary Beth Falsey, DuPage County, was appointed by the Board as a Member-At-Large.
Thank you Rick and Mary Beth for accepting new roles with the DRSCW.
- Other Business.

12. DRSCW Calendar, Presentations and Press Coverage

- September 14, 2016 – Beyond the Basics Stormwater Best Management Practices Conference: Safety Stripes and Other Winter Deicing Techniques. Stephen McCracken, and John Kawka.
- September 26, 2016 – Levels of Service Workshop with DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference at Oak Brook Village Hall.
- September 22, 2016 – Parking Lots & Sidewalks Deicing Workshop at DuPage County DOT.
- September 27, 2016 – Public Roads Deicing Workshop at DuPage County DOT.
- October 4, 2016 – Public Roads Deicing Workshop at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park, Joliet, IL.
- October 17th, 2016 – Participated in Chicago Wilderness’s Heathy Waters Workgroup.
- November 2, 2016 – Chicago Wilderness Conference - FRSG, DRSCW & Hickory Creek: Forming and Managing Watershed Planning Groups.
- November 5, 2016 – Wheaton College, “Winter Snow & Ice Maintenance BMPs: The impact of salt.”
- November 7-9, 2016 – South Suburban College Winter Preparedness Snow & Ice Conference, “Winter Snow & Ice Maintenance BMPs: The impact of salt.”
- November 15, 2016 – Wisconsin Section of the Central States Environment Association Webinar, “Adaptive Implementation, Biodiversity, and TMDLs.”
- Winter newsletter is under development.

13. Workgroup Meeting Schedule

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

14. Tour of Oak Meadows Restoration Project – Interfluve, ERA and DRSCW

A short presentation was provided by the DRSCW, ERA and Inter-Fluve followed by a walking tour. The business meeting concluded at 9:40 AM and participants prepared for the Oak Meadows project site tour. Thanks to the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and Inter-Fluve for assisting with the tour.