



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 18, 2021

10AM

**Location:** Zoom

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes** from January 21, 2021 meeting. *Motion to approve meeting minutes by Scott Killinger, seconded by Andrew Hawkins. Motion Carried*
- 2. Approve TCF Staffing Contract** – See attached draft contract. *Jennifer Hammer provided summary of updates to contract that included date changes, contract amount to match approved budget amount of \$72,170 and clarification on what is included in the billing rate. Motion to approve contract by Scott Killinger, seconded by Joe Slevnik, Deanna Doohaluk abstained, motion carried.*
- 3. Approve MBI Contract Negotiations:** 2021 Bioassessment Sampling Contract with MBI will need to be executed before next scheduled meeting. Request for approval to allow staff to negotiate contract up to budgeted amount of \$145,000. *Motion to authorize staff to finalize contract negotiation with MBI up to the budgeted amount of \$145,000 made by Joe Slevnik, seconded by Andrew Hawkins, motion carried.*
- 4. Approve Microbac Contract Negotiations:** 2021 Chemistry sampling contract with Microbac will need to be executed before the next scheduled meeting. Request for approval to allow staff to negotiate contract up to budgeted amount of \$55,500. *Motion to authorize staff to finalize agreements with Microbac and ETP laboratories for up to a combined amount of \$55,000 made by Nick Gornick, seconded by Scott Killinger, motion passed.*
- 5. Presentation:** Chloride in Will County: Connecting Land Use to Contamination in Groundwater – Cecilia Cullen and Devin Mannix with Illinois State Water Survey – *presentation is posted at <https://www.dupagerivers.org/meeting-minutes/>*
- 6. Update Nutrient Implementation Plan** *Deanna Doohaluk provided an update on components of the NIP. QUAL-2Kw modeling for the Lower DuPage has started with the defining of segments, but has been on hold until the West Branch DuPage Model is completed as this forms the upstream condition for the mainstem DuPage. Calibration and validation runs will be under development soon and should be available for presentation at the May meeting. A second component of the NIP is a Nonpoint Source Feasibility Analysis. The DRSCW has been working with USGS in Madison to look at the contribution of dissolved phosphorus from leaves on the street in the fall. DRSCW has developed a survey for municipalities on leaf collection and street sweeping practices to help identify and credit work already being done and identify potential strategies to reduce nonpoint sources of phosphorus. These surveys will be sent out later this spring to all LDRWC communities. The nutrient trading program is at a crossroads as far as whether to transition into a stream crediting program or to stop at this point. Meetings with all dischargers are planned for this spring to get their input on how to proceed. Deanna also provided a more in-depth description of the expanded dissolved oxygen program that will be a part of our bioassessment going forward to help build a better picture of how nutrients are functioning in our streams. See the presentation online for more details <https://www.dupagerivers.org/meeting-minutes/>*

7. **Hammel Woods Project Update** *Staff from Will County Forest Preserve District are finalizing the agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office so dam removal and restoration can begin this summer.*
8. **2021 NPDES Permits** *Final language for the updated special condition is waiting final approval from USEPA Region 5 and IEPA. Approval is expected soon and will be incorporated into the permits that are currently up for renewal. This language will extend current language out another 5 years with an additional 3 years of project funding. Please continue to share your draft permits with Jennifer to make sure we maintain consistent language across the DuPage watershed.*
9. **Education & Outreach:**
  - a. Spring – The topic for spring is utilizing native plants in the landscape, rain gardens and rain barrels
  - b. Summer – The topic this summer includes Responsible River Recreation, Pet Waste Campaign and Garden Refresh including native plant highlights.
  - c. Pet Waste Signs & Bag Dispensers Available  
*All materials are available online at <https://www.dupagerivers.org/seasonal-campaigns/>*
10. **Organization Updates:**
  - a. Membership Update –
  - b. Treasurer’s Report –
11. **Calendar**
  - a. March 31<sup>st</sup> - TCF Garden Refresh Webinar – connects with summer outreach materials
  - b. April 28<sup>th</sup> – DRSCW Membership Meeting 9AM via Zoom
  - c. **Lower DuPage Watershed Coalition 2021 Member Meeting Schedule:**
    - May 20
    - July 15
    - September 16
    - November 18