



# Zoom Membership Meeting

## March 25, 2021

### Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve: January 14, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes – see attached *Motion to approve minutes by Scott Killinger, seconded by Chris Drey, motion carried.*
- Approve: The Conservation Foundation staffing contract – see attached. *Jennifer described the minor changes to the contract to reflect the approved budgeted amount and the clarification of some additional items covered under the new contract including most software, computer, office supplies and cell phones. Motion to approve the TCF contract was made by Keith McKeen, seconded by Chris Drey, motion carried.*
- Approve: Authorization for staff to finalize bioassessment contract with Midwest Biodiversity Institute and agreement with Microbac and ETP laboratories. *To be prepared for the upcoming sampling season, staff requested authorization to negotiate contract with MBI up to the budget amount as this contract needs to be in place prior to the next membership meeting. Staff are finalizing station list for the remaining tributaries scheduled for the fourth year of the bioassessment program. Motion to authorize staff to negotiate MBI contract up to budgeted amount of \$165,000 made by Scott Killinger, seconded by Keith McKeen, motion carried. Separately, staff requested authorization to finalize agreements with the laboratories – Microbac and ETP Labs – the second lab is being utilized for fecal coliform because of the short holding time. Motion to authorize staff to finalized chemistry agreements up to budgeted amount of \$55,000 made by Allison Swisher, seconded by Scott Killinger, motion carried.*
- Presentation: Chlorides in Northeastern Illinois: Connecting Land Use and Groundwater Contamination – Cecilia Cullen, Illinois State Water Survey
- NPDES Permit Update *Staff are currently working with both Frankfort and New Lenox to make sure consistent, agreed upon special conditions language is used in upcoming permits. Please continue to share your early drafts of permits with Jennifer Hammer.*
- Chloride Variance Update *There seems to be some movement at the ILPCB on the TLWQS for Chloride, it is expected to be approved in the near future. It will then go to USEPA Region 5 for final approval and then to IEPA to write the permit.*
  - Chloride Committee – *The Chloride Committee will meet on April 20, at 9AM and will likely meet the third Tuesday of the months that we do not have membership meetings. The first meeting will review the requirements in the petition and setup a workplan. Let Jennifer know if you have staff that would like to participate.*
- Outreach Materials *Lea Rodbarry provided an overview of spring and summer materials available on the website. New this summer is a poster on responsible river recreation and Native*

*Garden Reboot project that will follow how to plan, plant and maintain a native garden at home. Social media, blog posts and other graphics are available. There are also signs and pet waste bag dispensers available as part of the pet waste campaign.*

- Spring & Summer outreach materials  
<https://www.lowerdesplainswatershed.org/seasonal-campaigns/>
- Pet Waste Campaign <https://www.lowerdesplainswatershed.org/seasonal-campaigns/pet-waste/>
- 2021 Membership Meetings:
  - May 27
  - July 22
  - September 23
  - November TBD