

Minutes Thursday, December 4, 2025, 6pm
Lake County SMC, 500 W Winchester Rd, Libertyville, IL

This meeting was held in-person with the option for the public to attend virtually.

1.0	Call To Order	The SMC meeting was called to order by Chairman Schmit at 6:05 p.m.	
2.0	Pledge of Allegiance		
3.0	Roll Call	The following were in attendance	
County Board Members		Municipal Members	
John Wasik Ann Maine Adam Schlick Diane Hewitt		Donny Schmit Quin O'Brien Jeff Sode David Weidenfeld	
STAFF		Others	
Kurt Woolford, Kelcey Traynoff, Christine Sher, Dijana Silber, Mike Prusila, Jacob Jozefowski, Sharon Østerby		Karen Fox, RuthAnne Hall, Carissa Smith	
4.0	Public Comment	None	
5.0	Approval of November 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes	Approval was requested for the November 6, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion to approve made by O'Brien, second by Sode. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote (8-0-0).	
6.0	Commission Reports		
	6.1 Director's Report	Mr. Woolford reminded the Commission that there would not be a January SMC meeting.	
	6.2 Chairman's Report	<p>Chairman Schmit shared that he recently met with IDNR-OWR. This meeting was to discuss IDNR-OWR's new determination that areas of Fox Lake that were previously considered to be floodplain are now considered to be floodway. Based on this determination, every development in the floodplain will need to go through IDNR-OWR for a permit. This permitting process is expected to take six to nine months and applicants will be charged \$1,300. Chairman Schmit explained that this process will result in the Village being put back on the CAV list if applicants have to wait six to nine months for a permit.</p> <p>Commissioner O'Brien asked if every building permit needed to go through IDNR-OWR or just floodway/floodplain permits? Chairman Schmit confirmed this new determination was only applicable for floodplain/floodway permits. Chairman Schmit also suggested that the Villages of Gurnee and Fox Lake schedule a meeting to discuss the determination. Commissioner O'Brien suggested that Highland Park be included in the meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Schlick suggested that Chairman Schmit contact a representative if assistance from the state is needed. Chairman Schmit stated that he prefers to meet with the communities first.</p>	
	6.3 Commissioner's Report	Commissioner Maine shared that at the December 4 th F&A meeting there was an item on the agenda for the dissolution of the Avon Fremont Township Drainage District. She voted against the dissolution because she felt it could have an impact on SMC. She stated that it is a process of frustration because SMC has the expertise, and it is being ignored. Commissioner Maine also stated that SMC staff should consider putting together a memo with SMC's opinion on the dissolution of the drainage districts.	
7 . 0	Action Items		
	7 . 1 Approval of November 2025 Treasurer's Reports	<p>Ms. Kelcey Traynoff presented and requested approval of the November 2025 Treasurer's Reports.</p> <p>Motion to approve made by Hewitt, second by Schlick. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (8-0-0).</p>	
	7 . 2 Approval of Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF) Eligibility Authorization for the Village of Bannockburn Storm Sewer Project	Mr. Jacob Jozefowski presented and requested approval of the Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF) Eligibility Authorization for the Village of Bannockburn Storm Sewer Project. Motion to approve made by Weidenfeld, second by Maine. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (8-0-0).	

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7 . 3	Approval of the Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF) Eligibility Authorization for the Village of Mundelein Wellington Avenue Stormwater Management Improvements Project	<p>Mr. Jozefowski presented and requested approval of the Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF) Eligibility Authorization for the Village of Mundelein Wellington Avenue Stormwater Management Improvements Project.</p> <p>Motion to approve made by O'Brien, second by Sode. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (8-0-0).</p>
7 . 4	Approval of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Application for the Update of the Multi-jurisdictional All-Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (ANHMP)	<p>Ms. Sharon Østerby presented and requested approval of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application for the update of the Multi-jurisdictional All-Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (ANHMP). If awarded the grant, SMC would start the planning process as soon as possible, potentially by late 2026.</p> <p>Motion to approve made by Sode, second by Wasik. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote (8-0-0).</p>
7 . 5	Ratification of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members	<p>Ms. Traynoff requested ratification of two new alternates for SMC's Technical Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Motion to ratify made by Wasik, second by Schlick. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote (8-0-0).</p>
8.0	Information Section	
8.1	Regulatory Reports November 2025	Ms. Traynoff presented the Regulatory and Wetland Restoration Fund (WRF) Status Report for November 2025.
8.2	Correspondence	
8.2.a	November 7, 2025 Email and Attachment Regarding the Proposed Greenway Chase Subdivision in the Village of Libertyville	Ms. Traynoff briefly discussed the email and written public comment from a member of the Forest Creek HOA received after the November SMC meeting on the proposed Greenway Chase subdivision in Libertyville.
8.3	Community Relations/Public Info	
8.3.a	2025 Illinois Water Environment Association (IWEA) Illinois Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Workshop Summary	Ms. Traynoff shared a summary article on the two workshops held by the Illinois Water Environment Association on the new requirements of the Illinois Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit.
9.0	Executive Session	None
10.0	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn made by Wasik, second by O'Brien. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote (8-0-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.