

Lake County Illinois

*Central Permit Facility
500 W. Winchester Rd
Libertyville, Illinois 60048-1331*



Agenda Report - Final-Amended

Thursday, February 5, 2026

6:00 PM

500 W. Winchester Rd - Libertyville, Illinois

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: There are two options for the public to attend the meeting: (1) in-person attendance at on the 2nd floor Central Permit Facility building 500 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois, or (2) remote / virtual attendance through the link:

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RECORDING: Meetings, including Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. [26-0140](#)

Approval of December 4, 2025 meeting minutes

Attachments: [SMC December 4, 2025 meeting minutes draft](#)

6. COMMISSION REPORTS

6.1 Director's Report

6.2 Chairman's Report

6.3 Commissioner's Report

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 [26-0141](#)

Approval of December 2025 and January 2026 Treasurer's Report

Attachments: [SMC December 2025 Treasurer's Report](#)

[SMC January 2026 Treasurer's Report](#)

7.2 [26-0148](#)

Approval of carryover requests for Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) Budget for Fiscal Year (FY)2026.

- Unused appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year and it is necessary to carry over unspent budget authority from FY2025 to FY2026, as defined in the County Budget Policies.
- SMC March 2026 carry over requests includes for projects that were not completed in FY2025.
- The carryover items must be authorized through an emergency appropriation to transfer the budget authority that was previously granted in FY2025 to FY2026.

Attachments: [MAR-26 Carryovers](#)

7.3 [26-0155](#)

Ratification of Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW) FY2026 Budget.

- Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), under an on-going contract with the DRWW, acts as workgroup administrative and fiscal agent; therefore, SMC must ratify budgets approved by the Workgroup.
- The funds to pay for workgroup expenses are revenue from workgroup member

dues, not SMC's levy.

- The DRWW Draft FY2026 Budget was approved by the DRWW Executive Board on November 20, 2025 and requires SMC ratification in order to pay vendors in FY2026.

Attachments: [SMC DRWW FY2026 Memo](#)

[DRWW FY26 Budget](#)

7.4 [**26-0158**](#)

Ratification of Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW) and Lake County Health Department (LCHD) FY2026 Technical Services Agreement

- Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), under an on-going contract with the DRWW, acts as workgroup administrative and fiscal agents; therefore, SMC must ratify the contracts approved by the Workgroup.
- The LCHD FY2026 Technical Services Agreement is for performing water chemistry monitoring services for the DRWW in the amount of \$99,264.00, was approved by the DRWW Executive Board on November 20, 2025, and requires SMC ratification.
- The funds to pay for workgroup expenses, including these contracts, are revenue from workgroup member dues, not SMC's levy.

Attachments: [SMC DRWW FY2026 Memo](#)

[2026 LCHD-DRWW Contract](#)

7.5 [**26-0160**](#)

Ratification of North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) FY2026 Budget.

- Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), under an on-going contract with the NBWW, acts as workgroup administrative and fiscal agents; therefore, SMC must ratify budgets approved by the Workgroup.
- The funds to pay for workgroup expenses are revenue from workgroup member dues, not SMC's levy.
- The NBWW Draft FY2026 Budget was approved by the NBWW Executive Board on December 10, 2025 and requires SMC ratification in order to pay vendors in FY2026.

Attachments: [SMC-NBWW FY2026 Memo](#)

[NBWW FY2026 Approved Budget](#)

7.6 [**26-0163**](#)

Ratification of North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) and Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) FY2026 Agreement.

- Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), under an on-going contract with the NBWW, acts as workgroup administrative and fiscal agents;

- therefore, SMC must ratify the contracts approved by the Workgroup.
- The SMC FY2026 Agreement is for performing administrative and technical coordinator services for the NBWW in the amount of \$24,000 annually, was approved by the NBWW Executive Board on November 12, 2025, and requires SMC ratification.
 - The funds to pay for workgroup expenses, including these contracts, are revenue from workgroup member dues, not SMC's levy.

Attachments: [NBWW FY2026 Memo](#)
[NBWW-SMC FY2026 Agreement](#)

7.7 **26-0162**

Ratification of North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) and North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD) FY2026 Technical Services Agreement.

- Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), under an on-going contract with the NBWW, acts as workgroup administrative and fiscal agents; therefore, SMC must ratify the contracts approved by the Workgroup.
- The NSWRD FY2026 Technical Services Agreement is for performing water chemistry monitoring services for the NBWW in the amount of \$26,618.75, was approved by the NBWW Executive Board on November 12, 2025, and requires SMC ratification.
- The funds to pay for workgroup expenses, including these contracts, are revenue from workgroup member dues, not SMC's levy.

Attachments: [NBWW FY2026 Memo](#)
[NBWW-NSWRD Tech Sevices Agreement 2026](#)

7.8 **26-0147**

Approval of Watershed Management Board (WMB) and Watershed Management Assistance Grant (WMAG) Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2026.

- The annual WMB meeting was held on December 10, 2025, and the WMB and Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) staff reviewed 16 submitted projects.
- WMB funding available for FY2026 is \$236,100 and SMC received 16 project proposals with a combined total cost of \$13,265,577 and \$608,908 in requested WMB funding.
- WMB and SMC staff are recommending funding for ten (10) projects and WMB Application Summary and Recommendations attached.
- Recommended were nine (9) WMB projects with a total project cost of \$1,802,707 and WMB funding of \$220,100 and one (1) WMAG, with a total project cost of \$20,000 and a total WMAG funding of \$12,000.

Attachments: [FY26 WMB Project Overviews](#)

[FY26 WMB Approved Projects Location Map VER.02](#)

7.9 [26-0143](#)

Approval of the Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Mundelein for the Wellington Avenue Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of \$65,000.

- The proposed project includes the design, permitting, and construction of an approximately 0.35 acre-foot naturalized detention basin, 250 linear feet of 12-inch storm sewer, and three storm sewer structures at Property Index Number (PIN) 1024416020.
- The proposed project will prevent structural flooding at 31 Wellington Avenue and 102 Wellington Avenue up to the 10-year critical duration storm event.
- The proposed project will reduce roadway flooding at Wellington Avenue.
- Stormwater Management Commission Approved Eligibility Authorization on December 4, 2025.
- The estimate project cost is \$133,000.
- Staff recommends funding the requested amount of \$65,000.

Attachments: [FY26 SIRF IGA Wellington Ave](#)

[Wellington Ave SIRF Eligibility Authorization](#)

[Wellington Ave EOPC](#)

[Wellington Ave EA Meeting Minutes](#)

[Wellington Ave Project Location](#)

7.10 [26-0152](#)

Approval of the Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF) Project Agreement with the Village of Bannockburn for the Bannockburn Court Storm Sewer Project in the amount of \$40,000.

- The proposed project involves installing 310 linear feet of storm pipe to improve drainage in a persistently flooded area in the Bannockburn Court neighborhood. The proposed project includes performing earth excavation, laying new storm drainage pipe ranging from 15" to 36" in size, and restoring the disturbed area with topsoil and native plantings.
- The proposed project will help manage runoff more effectively, reducing the risk of structural damage and protecting both private property and overall water quality in the surrounding area.
- Stormwater Management Commission approved the Eligibility Authorization for this project on December 4, 2025.
- The estimated project cost is \$154,137.50; staff recommends funding the requested amount of \$40,000.

Attachments: [FY26 SIRF Agreement Bannockburn Court Storm Sewer](#)
[Bannockburn SIRF Eligibility Authorization](#)
[8101.053 Bannockburn Storm Sewer EOPC](#)
[December Minutes 2025 draft](#)
[Bannockburn SIRF Location Map](#)

7.11 [**26-0200**](#)

Approval of Contract authorization with Everlast Blacktop, Inc. Elgin, IL for the Round Lake Drain Master Plan Phase 1 Project, Round Lake Beach, IL in the amount of \$1,288,849.30.

- A total of seven bids were received, ranging from \$1,288,849.30 to \$1,622,040.00, and the lowest responsible bidder is Everlast Blacktop, Inc. Elgin, IL with a contract amount of \$1,288,849.30.
- The project is included in the approved resolution accepting the grant award and emergency appropriation for DCEO-STOCIP Regional Stormwater Infrastructure Project Round 2 Projects that was approved September 5, 2024.
- The project is included in the approved Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Round Lake Beach for the Round Lake Drain Master Plan Phase 1 Project that was approved November 6, 2024.
- This project has been identified by SMC staff and the Village of Round Lake Beach as an important project that will reduce safety concerns and risks due to flooding and will improve access to residents and businesses in their community.
- SMC staff recommends approval of the Contract authorization with Everlast Blacktop, Inc. Elgin, IL for the Round Lake Drain Master Plan Phase 1 Project, Round Lake Beach, IL in the amount of \$1,288,849.30.

Attachments: [RLD Ph. 1 Construction Summary of Bids](#)
[Everlast Blacktop Vendor Disclosure VER.02](#)
[RLD Ph. 1 Location Map](#)

7.12 [**26-0180**](#)

Approval of Contract authorization with Atwell LLC Southfield, MI for the Round Lake Drain Master Plan Phase 1 Project Construction Engineering, Round Lake Beach, IL in the amount of \$99,900.00, subject to final legal review.

- SMC staff needs additional technical support to complete work program tasks for the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) program.
- A Statement of Interest (SOI) for DCEO project services was advertised and evaluated in 2021 in accordance with the criteria of the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act (50 ILCS 510) for interested in providing engineering services and related technical services to support SMC staff in completing projects under the DCEO grant program.

- Manhard Consulting Ltd., recently was acquired by Atwell LLC, was evaluated and recommended for inclusion into a resource pool of the top 8 qualified firms, this was presented to the SMC on January 6, 2022.
- Funding for the project is included in Grant Agreement No. 24-413046 between Lake County and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) that was executed December 15, 2024.
- This project was authorized by SMC for inclusion in DCEO-STOCIP Regional Stormwater Infrastructure Project Round 2 on September 5, 2024.
- Intergovernmental Agreement between the SMC and the Village of Round Lake Beach for the Round Lake Drain Master Plan Phase 1 Project was executed January 15, 2026.
- SMC staff recommends approval of the Professional Services Agreements for construction engineering services with Atwell LLC Southfield, MI (local Lincolnshire, IL) with the following 'not to exceed' amount of \$99,900.00.

Attachments: [Atwell RLD Engineering Contract](#)
[Atwell Vendor Disclosure](#)
[Round Lake Drain Location Map](#)

7.13 [26-0145](#)

Ratification of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members

- Chairman Schmit has given his approval for a new primary TAC member for the City of Highland Park
- The previous member, Manny Gomez, retired and this appointment is being made to fill the position vacancy
- SMC staff request ratification from the Commission for Alec Turkowski to serve as the new primary TAC member

Attachments: [SMC TAC Ratification - February 2026](#)

8. INFORMATION SECTION

8.1 [26-0142](#)

Regulatory Reports December 2025 and January 2026

Attachments: [December 2025 Regulatory Reports](#)
[January 2026 Regulatory Reports](#)
[Wetland Restoration Fund Budget-Updated 1-26-26](#)

8.2 Correspondence

8.3 Community Relations/Public Info

8.3.a [26-0146](#)

Isolated Wetlands Regulatory Program Update Through 2025

Attachments: [IWLC Program Summary 2025](#)

8.3.b [26-0164](#)

Homeowner Association (HOA) Workshop and Vendor Expo February 25, 2026

Attachments: [2026 HOA Workshop Flyer](#)

8.3.c [26-0177](#)

Daily Herald - Lake Michigan shoreline

Attachments: [Daily Herald eEditon-Lake Michigan shoreline](#)

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9.1 Executive Session to review the executive session minutes from November 6, 2025

9.2 Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)

10. REGULAR SESSION (for action on Executive Session items)

10.1 Commission action approving the Executive Session minutes from November 6, 2025

10.2 SMC determination of Executive Director annual salary increase for fiscal year 2026

11. ADJOURNMENT