

Lake County Illinois

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



Minutes Report - Final

Thursday, April 4, 2024

6:00 PM

Please note this meeting will be held at LCDOT
600 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 Lake County Division of Transportation building 600 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

The SMC meeting was called to order by Chairman Schmit at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Others Present: Lisle Stalter, Chris Swanson, Erika Frable, Alicia Dodd, Janice Aull, Lee Fell (V), Paula Randall (V) and SMC Staff: Kurt Woolford, Arnold Donato, Kelcey Traynoff, Mike Prusila, Brian Frank, Dijana Silber, Sharon Østerby, Glenn Westman, Juli Crane (V)

Present 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank,
Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner
Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham,
Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Swanson, homeowner in the Four Corners Basin, asked for the Commission's support in approving a plan to minimize the flooding impacts in the Four Corners Basin when the State is able to provide funding.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24-0450

Approval of March 7, 2024 meeting minutes

Approval was requested for the March 7, 2024 meeting minutes.

**A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Hewitt, seconded by
Commissioner - Alternate Gust. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank,
Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner
Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham,
Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

6. COMMISSION REPORTS

6.1 Director's Report

Mr. Kurt Woolford thanked Mr. Swanson for his comment on the Four Corners Basin and explained that SMC has been coordinating with IDOT to resolve the issue.

Mr. Woolford asked Chief Engineer, Brian Frank, to provide an update on the recent rainfall and flooding throughout the County. Mr. Frank explained that Lake County has been under a flood alert (yellow threat alert) due to the recent rain events and SMC has been monitoring the Fox and Des Plaines Rivers. Mr. Frank also added that most of the calls SMC is receiving about flooding are in the depressional floodplain areas. SMC has been coordinating with the Lake County Emergency Management Agency throughout the flood alert.

Mr. Woolford stated that next month, the staff annual work program will be brought to the Commission for review and approval. Mr. Woolford also stated that he has been coordinating with the County Administrator's Office on SMC's annual report to the Planning, Building, Zoning, and Environment Committee, which will take place on May 8th.

Lastly, Mr. Woolford reminded the Commission that a public meeting would be held on Thursday, April 11th for the Great Lake Coastal Resiliency Study.

6.2 Chairman's Report

Chairman Schmit noted that this meeting would be Arnold Donato's last meeting because he would be retiring next week. He thanked Mr. Donato for his help over the years and stated that he will be greatly missed when he retires. Chairman Schmit explained that a contract to update the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan would be brought to the Commission in July. Chairman Schmit also added that the Village of Fox Lake is also monitoring the level of the Fox River and preparing for flood response.

6.3 Commissioner's Report

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 [24-0451](#)

Approval of March 2024 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Arnold Donato presented the March 2024 Treasurer's Reports.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank, Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham, Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

7.2 [24-0454](#)

Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the SMC and the Fremont Township for Sylvan Lake Dam Modification Project

Ms. Sharon Østerby presented and requested approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between SMC and Fremont Township for the Sylvan Lake Dam Modification project.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner - Alternate Gust, seconded by Commissioner Hewitt. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank, Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham, Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

7.3 [24-0464](#)

Approval of Emergency Appropriation for Sylvan Lake Dam Modification in the amount of \$1,704,897.25.

Ms. Østerby presented and requested approval of the Emergency Appropriation for the Sylvan Lake Dam Modification in the amount of \$1,704,897.25.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank, Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham, Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

7.4 [24-0465](#)

Approval of Contract with V3 Construction Group, Ltd. for Construction Services in the amount of \$2,872,300.

Ms. Østerby presented and requested approval of the contract with V3 Construction Group, Ltd. for construction services in the amount of \$2,872,300. Bids were solicited in January 2024, and V3 Companies provided the lowest responsible bid.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld, seconded by Commissioner Frank. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank, Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham, Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

7.5 [24-0463](#)

Approval of SIRF Eligibility Authorization for Indian Creek Stabilization in the Village of Hawthorn Woods

Mr. Woolford presented and requested approval of the SIRF Eligibility Authorization for the Indian Creek Stabilization project in the Village of Hawthorn Woods.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner - Alternate Gust, seconded by Commissioner Rockingham. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank, Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham, Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

7.6 [24-0453](#)

Approval of Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO) Community Recertifications

- Village of Wauconda (Standard & Isolated Wetland)

Mr. Brian Frank requested approval of WDO Community Recertification for the following communities.

- *Village of Wauconda (Standard & Isolate Wetland)*

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner - Alternate Gust, seconded by Commissioner Rockingham. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank, Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham, Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

8. **INFORMATION SECTION**

8.1 [24-0452](#)

March 2024 Regulatory Reports

Ms. Traynoff presented the Regulatory Reports for March 2024.

8.2 **Correspondence**

8.3 **Community Relations/Public Info**

8.3.a [24-0460](#)

Illinois Wetlands and Small Streams Protection Act

Mr. Glenn Westman provided an update on the Illinois Wetlands and Small Streams Protection Act. Mr. Westman explained that this bill has been initiated by the Nature Conservancy and the Environmental Policy and Law Institute. SMC staff provided feedback on the original bill and staff's suggestions were incorporated into the most recent amendment. The bill will not have an effect on SMC's Isolated Wetland Program and the bill recognizes County authority for wetland regulations. Mr. Westman also explained that, under this bill, the State would create the State Wetland Protection Fund where money from violation fines would fund this account. These funds may be available to counties with established wetland programs to be used for wetland restoration projects or State matching funds for related activities (watershed planning, stream inventories, etc.). The bill is currently in the mark-up phase and if it is passed, the State has one year to implement the new rules. Commissioner Frank asked if the bill will create the new State Wetland Protection Fund? Mr. Westman stated that this bill will create the new fund. Commissioner Frank also asked if SMC staff or the County have officially given their support of this new legislation? Mr. Westman stated SMC staff have not yet made any type of formal statement in support or opposition of the bill.

8.3. [24-0461](#)

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Shedd Aquarium CEO Wetlands and Climate Change

Ms. Traynoff discussed the article about the environmental and ecological benefits of wetlands.

8.3.c [24-0466](#)

Knollwood Community Public Meeting April 23, 2024 at the Knollwood Firehouse

Ms. Traynoff provided details for the Knollwood Public Meeting being held on April 23, 2024 at the Knollwood Firehouse.

8.3. [24-0456](#)

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French Drains - Avoid Damage from Water Accumulation

Ms. Traynoff discussed the article about French drains and how they can be used to avoid structural damage from ponding water.

8.3. [24-0459](#)

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Lake County Forest Preserve District Dunn Museum Exhibition on Local Landscapes

Ms. Traynoff discussed the article about Lake County Forest Preserve District Dunn Museum exhibits that highlight local landscapes.

8.3.f [24-0458](#)

Lakefront Park Fox Lake

Ms. Traynoff discussed the article about the improvements being done at the Lakefront Park in Fox Lake.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into executive session for the semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) was made by Member Rockingham, seconded by Member Gust. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. The Commissioners entered executive session at 6:39pm.

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank, Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham, Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

9.1 Executive Session for semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)

9.2 Executive Session for potential property acquisitions 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)

10. ACTION ITEMS

After semi-annual review of the closed session minutes and the discussion for potential property acquisitions, the Commissioners returned to open session at 6:54pm.

10.1 Approval of Released/opened to the public Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 5, 2023 executive session minutes made by Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, second by Commissioner Frank, motion passed by a unanimous voice vote .

Motion to keep the October 5, 2023 executive session minutes and the previously identified closed session minutes closed, as they are all personnel matters, made by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Hewitt. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote .

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank, Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham, Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

10.2 Approval of potential property acquisitions

Motion to give SMC Executive Director, Kurt Woolford, the authority to pursue the purchase discussed, not to exceed \$20,000, made by Commissioner Rockingham, second by Commissioner Pedersen. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank, Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham, Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

Aye: 9 - Commissioner - Alternate Altenberg, Commissioner Frank, Commissioner - Alternate Gust, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Rockingham, Commissioner Schmit and Commissioner - Alternate Weidenfeld