

Lake County Illinois

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



Minutes Report - Draft

Thursday, March 4, 2021

6:00 PM

The meeting will be held in-person (with limited public attendance)
and virtually (info on next page).

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

SMC Monthly meeting information

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Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the December 11th, 2020, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the attached Written Determination of the Stormwater Management Commission Chair, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference with limited attendance at the Central Permit Facility located on the 500 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

Per the Governor's December 11th, 2020 Disaster Proclamation, in accordance with section 120/7(e)(4) of the OMA, in-person attendance by members of the public will be available in the regular meeting location but limited by the number of attendees that are practicable in keeping with social distancing requirements in those meeting locations not to exceed 10 people.

Public comments are welcomed and encouraged. Emails can be sent to stormwater@lakecountyil.gov. Public comments received by noon on the date of the meeting for items not on the agenda will be read at the beginning of the meeting under Public Comment in the order they are received. Public comment on agenda items will be read during consideration of that item. Comments received during the meeting will be held until the end of the meeting. Please note: public comments are limited to three minutes each pursuant to the Stormwater Management Commission adopted Rule Governing Public Comment. All comments received will be included in the Commission's meeting minutes regardless of whether they are read aloud at the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Others present: Lisle Stalter, Diana O'Kelly, Paula Randall, Mandi Florip, Mike Warner, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Amy Wagner, John Light and SMC staff: Kurt Woolford, Mike Prusila, Michelle Pope, Dijana Silber, Arnold Donato, Sharon Østerby, Ernesto Huaracha, Brian Frank, Kelcey Traynoff

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

21-0392

The February 2021 minutes were presented, there were no questions.

A motion was made by Alternate Parekh, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this commission action item be approved. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg

6. COMMISSION REPORTS

6.1 Director's Report

6.1. 2020 IWLC Program Summary

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21-0395

Kurt Woolford reported on the Isolated Wetlands of Lake County (IWLC) program. He explained that the numbers are good however, the Lake Michigan watershed is deficient on acreage.

This matter was presented

6.1. Status of Wetland Mitigation Banks in Lake County

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21-0399

Kurt Woolford presented the status of the wetland banks in Lake County as an informational item to address Commissioner Talbett's question from the February meeting. A table was provided in the packet that summarized the status of wetland banks in Lake County.

This matter was presented

6.1. Squaw Creek Renaming Process

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21-0394

Mike Prusila briefly presented the process on how to rename Squaw Creek. This was also an informational item and Mr. Prusila thanked Mr. Grant Benjamin for sharing his findings during the February meeting.

This matter was presented

6.2 Chairman's Report

6.3 Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Talbett presented Chairman Taylor with a proclamation from the Village of Kildeer.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 SMC February Treasurer's Reports

21-0414

Arnold Donato presented the treasurer's reports for February.

A motion was made by Member Rockingham, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this commission action item be approved. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg

7.2 Geosyntec and NBWW Preliminary NARP Workplan Agreement Ratification

21-0393

Kurt Woolford requested ratification of the agreement between Geosyntec and the North Branch Watershed Workgroup (NBWW).

A motion was made by Member Ryback, seconded by Alternate Talbett, that this commission action item be ratified. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg

7.3 DCEO Roundtable Meeting Summary and RFP schedule extension

21-0424

Kurt Woolford updated the Commission on the DCEO roundtable that was held February 19, 2021 and requested a six-month schedule extension for second round RFPs.

A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Casbon, that this commission action be approved. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg

7.4 Lake Michigan Wetland Restoration Fund One Year Extension

21-0412

Kurt Woolford requested a one-year extension for the Lake Michigan wetland restoration

fund.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Alternate Ryback, that this commission action item be approved. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg

7.5 Executive Director Search Committee Report and Recommendation

21-0397

Chairman Taylor began the discussion on this item and read a letter from Commissioner Maine regarding the Search Committee recommendations. Kurt Woolford was recommended for the position of Executive Director.

A motion was made by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Schmit, that this communication or report be approved. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg

7.6 SMC Officer Elections

Chairman Taylor asked for nominations for a new Chairman. Commissioner Rockingham nominated Commissioner Schmit as the new Chairman and Commissioner Pedersen as the new Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Member Rockingham, seconded by Member Casbon, that this item be approved. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg

7.7 Outgoing Commissioner Recognition of Craig Taylor

This matter was presented

21-0423

Kelcey Traynoff read a special recognition for Chairman Taylor and Kurt Woolford presented Chairman Taylor with a Herry award. Michelle Pope presented SMC's new drone along with its name, CAPT 258, in honor of Chairman Taylor and his wife Pam. Following SMC's recognition of Chairman Taylor, many of the Commissioners thanked Chairman Taylor for all he's done for SMC and wished him luck going forward.

8. INFORMATION SECTION

8.1 Regulatory Reports

21-0413

Kelcey Traynoff briefly discussed the reports for inspection status, wetland reviews, and stormwater reviews.

This matter was presented

8.2 Correspondence

21-0400

Kurt Woolford presented kudos for SMC staff member, Mea Blauer, for her work organizing the 2021 DECI workshop.

This matter was presented

8.3 Community Relations/Public Info

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9.1 Executive Session to Discuss personnel matters relating to Executive Director position pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

A motion was made by Alternate Ryback, seconded by Member Rockingham to enter executive session for the purposes to discuss personnel matters relating to the Executive Director position. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote at 7:03 p.m.

Aye: 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg

9.1.a Upon returning from Executive Session at 7:32 p.m., a motion was entertained to give direction to Human Resources Director John Light and Attorney Lisle Stalter to negotiate the Executive Director employment agreement with Kurt Woolford, with the goal of bringing it back to the next meeting.

The motion was made by Alternate Ryback, seconded by Member Hewitt. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Alternate Talbett, seconded by Member Rockingham. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Aye: 11 - Member Rockingham, Member Schmit, Alternate Ryback, Alternate Talbett, Member Wysocki, Alternate Parekh, Member Hewitt, Member Casbon, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Alternate Altenberg