



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR THE
LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETINGS
TO BE HELD BY AUDIO OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. The Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns because of a disaster as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and all of Lake County is covered by the disaster area. In light of such disaster declaration, and in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2), I hereby determine that:
 - a. In-person meetings of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) conducted under the otherwise applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Act, are generally not practical or prudent because of such disaster, based on the increasing level of community transmission.
 - b. For purposes of section 120/7(e)(4), in-person attendance by members of the public is permissible. Attendance is limited to the number of persons that are practicable in keeping with social distancing and mask requirements of the meeting location. Members of the public may also attend and participate in public meetings by alternative means via access instructions as provided in the meeting agendas. Therefore, in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) during the pendency of the Governor's current declaration of disaster:
 - c. Meetings of the SMC will be conducted exclusively by audio or video conference, without the Members' physical presence at the regular or any alternate meeting location.
 - d. A physical quorum of the SMC members is not required at the regular (or any alternate meeting location); however, when a physical quorum is not required, at least one member of the SMC, the SMC's legal counsel, or the SMC Secretary or a designee, will be present at the regular or any alternate meeting location.
 - e. Any members of the public or board may be present at the regular or any alternate meeting location, while at all times practicing social distancing and wearing a face covering at all times, will be able to participate in public comment and hear all open meeting agenda item discussions and votes of the members of the SMC.

Dated this 2nd day of September 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donny Schmit". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "D" and "S".

Donny
Schmit
Chairman
Stormwater Management Commission