



# Membership Meeting

## March 14, 2019

### Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve: The Conservation Foundation staffing and support contract for 2019-200 – See attached *Motion to approve TCF contract by Mark Siefert, seconded by Ed Dolezal, motion carried.*
- Presentation – Preliminary fish and habitat results from 2018 bioassessment sampling *Jennifer Hammer presented preliminary data that MBI collected in 2018. The data was compared to data previously collect by others in 2006. Although none of the stations were meeting the Aquatic Life Use goal of 41 for fIBI, most of the stations had marked improvements over the 2006 data. MBI also provided a graphic of the Modified Index of Well Being which is used in Ohio. This is a way to pull out the most pollutant tolerant fish to give a more realistic view of the health of the fish populations. Many stations scored well with about half into the Good category. There were a few stations above Joliet that had high levels of DELT anomalies (Deformities, Eroded fins, Lesions and Tumors). Additional sampling may need to be done in this area to determine likely causes of the elevated DELT scores. Habitat was scored using the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI) All stations outside of the influence of the Brandon Road Lock & Dam scored in the Fair, Good and Excellent categories. A single report for the Mainstem Des Plaines will be completed after the 2019 data is collected on the remaining stations. That report will likely be completed in 2020.*
- Chloride Time-Limited Water Quality Standard update *Illinois EPA is planning on submitting a final petition to the Illinois Pollution Control Board in April with a 30-day comment period to follow. After comments are received and replied to public hearings will be scheduled. This may happen by the end of the year. A list of BMP and Annual Report highlights was provided as part of the meeting presentation.*
- Overview of 2019 Spring Outreach Campaign *Monica Rockstroh provided an overview of new spring social media and blog posts focusing on the benefits of using native plants in the home landscape. All materials are available on the LDWG website.*
- NARP Update: Summary of NARP regional meeting *The IWEA held it's first regional NARP meeting in early March as a way to help bring people up to speed on this new NPDES requirement that is starting to show up in newly issued NPDES permits. The meeting was held in two parts – those that already have NARPs in their permit/watershed and those who will probably be getting one as well as consultants. The meeting was well received and will likely be held again in the Fall. Jennifer provided a list of basic requirements for the NARP which will need to be completed by December 31, 2023. The NARP will be completed by the LDWG in coordination will all of the member treatment plants and communities. The plan*

*will identify both point and nonpoint source reductions and tasks in the plan will show up in the next round of NPDES permits and possibly MS4 permits in the future.*

- Membership Update:
  - Invoices for FY2019-2020 will be going out in April.
  - Outreach to potential MS4 and Industrial members
- 2019 Membership Meetings:
  - May 9
  - July 11
  - September 12
  - November 14