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**North Branch of the Chicago River Watershed Planning Council
AGENDA**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

**Lincolnwood Village Hall
6900 N. Lincoln Avenue
Lincolnwood, IL**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. December 3, 2019 Meeting Notes (Attachment A)**
- IV. North Branch Watershed Capital Improvement Projects Update**
Paul Jacobs will provide an update on the capital improvement projects in the watershed.
- V. Small Stream Maintenance Program Update**
Brian Levy will provide status report on the MWRD's Small Stream Maintenance Program.
- VI. Watershed Management Ordinance Update**
Michael Cunico will provide and update on Watershed Management Ordinance.
- VII. Department of Emergency Management & Regional Security (DEMRS)**
Kim Nowicki from DEMRS will provide an update on Cook County Hazard Mitigation Plan and DEMRS's Emergency Management Operations.
- VIII. Other Business**
- IX. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the North Branch Chicago River Watershed Planning Council will be held on Tuesday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lincolnwood Village Hall.
- X. Adjournment**

**North Branch Chicago River Watershed Planning Council
Lincolnwood Village Hall
6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL
Tuesday December 3, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Mark Fowler, NWMC

Kendra Johnson, NWMC

Michael Cunico, MWRD

Paul Jacobs, MWRD

Joe Kratzer, MWRD

Cedric Robertson, MWRD

James Bernahl, Village of Winnetka

Susan Chen, Village of Winnetka

Jorge Cruz, Village of Wilmette

Ingrid Eckenberg, City of Evanston

Tony Edwards, Village of Schiller Park

Rob Horne, City of Rolling Meadows

Joe Kenney, Village of Glenview

Phil Perna, Village of Glenview

Chris Tomich, Village of Morton Grove

Nailah Walters, Village of Northbrook

Mark Fowler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked attendees to introduce themselves. Mr. Fowler noted last meeting's summary notes were included in the agenda packet and directed anyone who needed the full transcript to contact Northwest Municipal Conference staff. Mr. Fowler introduced Paul Jacobs from the MWRD to provide an update on the watershed capital improvement projects since the last meeting. Mr. Jacobs noted that there are 133 Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects in the watershed, of which 91 are ongoing and 42 are completed. Mr. Jacobs reviewed the Phase II localized flood-control program and noted that a call for projects for the program would be open in the fourth quarter of 2019. Mr. Jacobs then provided details on the capital improvements projects in the watershed and the appropriate MWRD staff member contacts. Mr. Jacobs reported that 20 projects totaling approximately \$10 million in construction costs were selected from the 2020 Green Infrastructure call for projects and he reviewed those that were selected in the North Branch watershed area. Mr. Jacobs noted one Phase 2 project in the Village of Glenview that was ongoing and asked Village representatives for any updates. Mr. Kenney reported that a cost benefit analysis was still ongoing. Mr. Jacobs then reviewed the flood-prone property acquisition program and noted that applications would also be sent out fourth quarter of 2019. He reported that the FEMA pre-disaster mitigation grant program had a deadline of February 7, 2020 and noted that webinars would be held to learn more. Mr. Jacobs added that MWRD considers contributing to the required matching funds for projects selected by the FEMA program. He noted that MWRD is also developing Green Guides for the general public and municipal staff to use to determine best practices when implementing green infrastructure projects, and reminded municipal staff to fill out the stormwater master plan survey that was sent to them. Mr. Jacobs reported that the MWRD was considering a second phase of the project to create an interactive GIS map that would be housed permanently on their website, and directed interested participants to Rich Fisher. Lastly, Mr. Jacobs noted that the North Branch Chicago River Stream Detention Basin Inventory project that they were assisting with would be coming to a close, and the report was expected to be finalized by the end of 2019.

Mr. Jacobs provided an overview and update of the MWRD small streams maintenance program, which began in 2006. He provided information on the MWRD rain barrel program and Restore the Canopy initiative, and then introduced Mr. Cunico to give an update on the Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO). Mr. Cunico first noted that permit determination requests should be submitted to Justine Skawski. Mr. Cunico directed anyone with questions about the WMO amendment to presentations available on their website from trainings held in the fall. Mr. Cunico noted that the MWRD was currently in the process of working on a Section 202 study, which includes offsite volume control and detention trading. He noted that results from the study would inform future amendments to the

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WMO. With regard to the WMO changes, Mr. Cunico said that the release rate for the North Branch would remain at .3 CFS, and noted that there would also be changes to the redevelopment stormwater requirements. He added that several permit and detail forms were updated and have been posted to the MWRD's website. Mr. Cunico then reviewed updates to Articles 5 and 14, as well as the Technical Guidance Manual (TGM). He noted that further updates to the TGM were in progress. Mr. Cunico reported several potential upcoming amendments including those related to the Section 202 study and possible permit fee changes. Mr. Cunico reminded communities to submit their annual summary reports for the infiltration and inflow control program if they have not yet for 2018, and to remember to submit 2019 reports by March 1, 2020. Finally, Mr. Cunico noted that the MWRD has GPS units available for use by sewer system owners provided that they enter into an intergovernmental agreement with MWRD. He introduced Cedric Robertson to discuss the Collection System and Operation Maintenance Plan.

Mr. Robertson noted several MWRD staff responsible for the waterways control section and the sewer maintenance section. He reported that the Collection System and Operation Manual can be found on the MWRD's website. He reviewed the MWRD's service territory and wastewater treatments plants owned and operated by the District. Mr. Robertson provided information on MWRD's history of constructing and maintaining the area's sewer system and the purpose served by the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP). Mr. Robertson reviewed the main topics of the Collection System Operation Maintenance Manual and noted any changes to their programs over the years. He also reviewed the MWRD's assets and how they catalog and track their inspections. Mr. Robertson concluded with information on how to contact the District with issues related to waterway blockages or sewer incidents.

Mr. Fowler referred those present to the attachment in the agenda packet showing meeting dates for 2020. There being no further business, Mr. Fowler adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.