



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** August 31, 2015

**MEMO TO:** Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair  
Planning and Restoration Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee

**FROM:** Randall L. Seebach, Director  
Planning and Land Preservation

**SUBJECT:** Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup Agreement

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Agreement for participation and membership in the Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup.

**BACKGROUND:** Within Lake County, portions of the Des Plaines River and its tributaries are impaired and not meeting their designated uses under the federal Clean Water Act. Water pollution in the Des Plaines River watershed is caused by a combination of point sources, including single sources, such as an outfall pipe conveying wastewater from an industrial plant or wastewater treatment facility, and non-point sources, such as runoff from land and impervious surfaces, and deposition of air pollutants.

In June 2014, the Planning and Restoration and the Finance and Administrative Committees unanimously approved the District's participation in the Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW) and authorized staff to forward a letter of commitment. The DRWW is a voluntary, dues-paying organization with the mission to bring a diverse coalition of stakeholders together to work toward improving water quality in the Des Plaines River and its tributaries in a cost-effective manner to meet EPA requirements. The DRWW will monitor the river and its tributaries, prioritize and implement water quality improvement projects and secure grant funding to offset the cost.

Membership of the DRWW will include units of local government with NPDES permits to discharge into the Des Plaines River or its tributaries, the District, and other interested parties. Because of the District's mission and the amount of land owned within the watershed, the District has been invited to participate as a founding member. In order to be a member of the DRWW, the District must enter into the attached agreement with other members of the DRWW. The attached resolution approves the agreement, subject to the rider attached to the agreement.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:** Committee recommendation and Board approval are required in accordance with District policy.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Legal Counsel

**FINANCIAL DATA:** The District's participation within the DRWW will require annual dues, currently estimated at \$12,941.00 per year. Funding for the DRWW membership was approved as part of the adopted FY 2014-2015 budget within the general administration dues account (11104000-702300) in the amount of \$13,500.00.

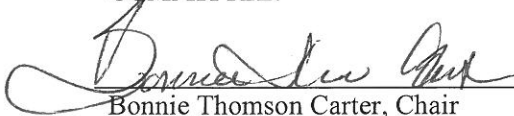
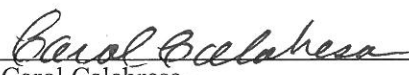
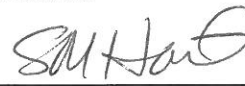


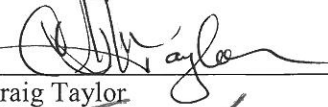

**PRESENTER:** Randall L. Seebach

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 COUNTY OF LAKE )

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
 REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING  
 SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

**MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Your **PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE** and **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** present herewith "A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Participation and Membership in the Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup," and request its adoption.

PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:	YEA	NAY	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:	YEA	NAY
 Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE DES PLAINES RIVER WATERSHED WORKGROUP**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") owns properties that are located within the Des Plaines River watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has issues of common interest with certain units of local government that hold NPDES permits to discharge into the Des Plaines River or its tributaries (the "Local Governments") and other interested parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Governments have formed a workgroup known as the Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (the "DRWW"), a voluntary, dues-paying association with the mission to bring a diverse coalition of stakeholders together to work toward improving water quality in the Des Plaines River and its tributaries in a cost-effective manner to meet Environmental Protection Agency requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the DRWW will monitor the Des Plaines River and its tributaries, prioritize and implement water quality improvement projects and secure grant funding to offset costs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the District and consistent with the District's mission to enter into an agreement with the Local Governments in substantially the form attached hereto to participate as a founding member of the DRWW (the "Agreement"), all subject to the rider attached to the agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois THAT:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Approval of the Agreement and Rider. The Agreement and Rider are hereby approved in substantially the form attached hereto.

Section 3. The President and Secretary of the District are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest to the Agreement and the Rider.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

ATTEST:

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Ann B. Maine, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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Julie A. Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_