DU PAGE COUNTY

Stormwater Management Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, October 6, 2026 **7:30 AM** **County Board Room**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Zay at 7:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Additional County Board member present: Member Deacon Garcia, Member Krajewski
Staff: Director Sarah Hunn, Conor P. McCarthy, Nick Kottmeyer, Chris Vonnahme, Christine Klepp, Robert Covey, Samantha Heatherly, Jamie Lock, Jenna Fahey-Heller, Claire Kissane, David Winklebleck, Mary Beth Falsey, and Raul Galvan.

PRESENT	Brummel, DeSart, Eckhoff, Evans, Hinterlong, Pulice, and Zay
ABSENT	Fasules, and Nero
REMOTE	Tiesenga
LATE	Honig, and Tornatore

MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPANTS

A motion was given by Member DeSart, seconded by Member Pulice to allow Member Tiesenga to attend the meeting remotely.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Nunzio Pulice

3. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR ZAY

Chair Zay acknowledged Stormwater staff member Christine Klepp for her 40 years of dedicated service to DuPage County. He noted that Christine has served the County since before the Stormwater Department was established and has been an integral part of the team since its inception. Thank you, and congratulations, Christine.

Chair Zay also thanked the staff for a successful Elmhurst Quarry Tour event. It was a sold out event that received positive reviews and comments from the attendees.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following gave public comment today:

Kay McKeen provided a SCARCE Update. For the anniversary of the Clean Water Act, they participated in recycling and wastewater treatment events. They are working to get new watershed models, and the pumpkin smash on November 7th now has 72 towns signed up across the country, 26 of the towns are here in DuPage County. They plan to push the Clean Water Act

anniversary this year with the annual clean up of their trails before winter comes to protect our water quality.

Mary Bergstrom: Sawmill Creek concerned citizens submitted a request for an investigation of the City of Darien and Village of Willowbrook regarding their compliance with the DuPage County Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinance. The group would like a time-frame for a response. If found to be non-compliant, they ask that DuPage County consider revoking their full or partial waiver status. They would like to be kept informed on the progress of Stormwater detention projects and shovel ready projects being pursued by DuPage County, Willowbrook, or Darien. Given the recurring flooding in Willowbrook and unincorporated DuPage County, they ask the County to consider enforcing the City of Darien and Village of Willowbrook to obtain approval for any storm water project that might be adding additional conveyance to Sawmill Creek.

Thomas Szafranski: His home incurred several inches of flooding again with the rain last week. The Sawmill Creek concerned citizens brought to the staff a list of properties they believe will help alleviate the flooding. Mr. Szafranski is concerned with the Hinsdale High School east side playing fields and parking lots, as he noted all water goes into Sawmill Creek immediately. He would like to see if the County can work with the school to put a berm along their eastern playing fields to slow down the water and turn the parking lots into permeable parking lots so the water does not impact their homes.

Paul Farber: Commended the Stormwater Commission on their continued study of the flooding of Sawmill Creek. His property flooded 3 times in June and July. They are looking forward to remediation work that can be developed. Mr. Farber has obtained a report from IDOT indicating there is drainage from Route 83 into Sawmill Creek that they intend to share with Stormwater staff in their meeting today.

Tia Russell: Thanked everyone at the Stormwater Management Committee for their support and expressed that they look forward to working with Stormwater Management to alleviate the flooding problem that has impacted their property and homes. Ms. Russell also thanked the Stormwater staff for meeting with the residents after the Committee meeting, and said it has been remarkably helpful.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. **26-2589**

Stormwater Management Committee - Regular Meeting Minutes - September 1, 2026.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lucy Evans
SECONDER:	Nunzio Pulice

6. CLAIMS REPORTS

6.A. **26-2590**

Schedule of Claims - September 2026

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
MOVER:	Nunzio Pulice
SECONDER:	Lucy Evans

7. BUDGET TRANSFERS

7.A. **26-2601**

Approval of Budget Transfer in the amount of $45,000 to cover Employee Medical and Hospital Insurance for FY26. Transfer of funds from 1600-3000-53830 (Other Contractual Expenses) $45,000 to 1600-3000-51040 (Employee Medical and Hospital Insurance).

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	David Brummel
SECONDER:	Paul Hinterlong

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.A. **26-2591**

Stormwater Program and Events Update

Member DeSart inquired about the status of the Elmhurst Quarry pumping water back out, and when it would be complete.
Director Hunn shared that we are down to a safe level after operating the pumps over the weekend during the Elmhurst Quarry tour, and they have been turned off in preparation for the winter. There may be some maintenance between now and then, but it is currently back to where it should be.

Chair Zay noted that there was a spill in the southern part of the County, and Director Hunn confirmed that there was illegal dumping of some toxic product in the storm sewers that impacted both Darien and Willowbrook. Costly remediation efforts are underway, working with the EPA and communities to clean it up. Chair Zay thanked the Stormwater staff for immediate action in assisting with the clean up.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Lucy Evans

8.B. **26-2592**

DPC Stormwater Management Currents Newsletter

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Lucy Evans

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.A. **26-2595**

Action Requested: Staff is requesting approval to open the Water Quality Improvement Program Grant for FY2027. Submission deadline is January 8, 2027.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lucy Evans
SECONDER:	Nunzio Pulice

9.B. **26-2594**

V3 Companies Ltd. - PO 8034-0001-SERV - Change Order to extend the contract for On-Call Professional Engineering Services, from November 30, 2026 to November 30, 2027, no change to contract amount.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Andrew Honig

9.C. **26-2593**

Martam Construction - PO 6228-0001-SERV - Change Order to extend the contract from November 30, 2026 to November 30, 2027, no change to contract amount.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Sam Tornatore
SECONDER:	Dawn DeSart

9.D. **SM-R-0010-26**

First amendment to Resolution SM-R-0005-26, between Milton Township Highway Department and DuPage County, for the National Street Drainage Improvement Project, to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement end date to November 30, 2027.

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Lucy Evans
SECONDER:	Nunzio Pulice

9.E. **SM-P-0014-26**

Recommendation for the approval of a contract with V3 Construction Group, LTD, for the Kress Creek Upstream Weir Repair Project, for Stormwater Management, for the period of October 13, 2026 through November 30, 2030, for a contract total amount not to exceed $188,658; per bid #26-081-SWM.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Paul Hinterlong

10. INFORMATIONAL

10.A. **PW-P-0022-26**

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Sutton Ford, Inc., for a F-550 4X2 Regular Chassis Cab with a Monroe crane service body attachment, for Public Works, for the period of October 13, 2026 to June 30, 2027, for a total contract amount not to exceed $193,008. Contract pursuant to the Governmental Joint Purchasing Act, 30 ILCS 525/2 (Suburban Purchasing Cooperative #227).

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Lucy Evans

11. OLD BUSINESS

Director Hunn reported that a memo was sent to the Committee regarding Sawmill Creek concerns. Staff have engaged with the municipalities, and Chair Zay has spoken with the Mayor of Willowbrook. All are working collaboratively with the County to address flooding issues. Chair Conroy's budget includes 4 million dollars for Stormwater projects, with funding anticipated for work with Darien and Willowbrook.

Director Hunn stated that staff met with all three communities to review concerns and waiver obligations, and reminded them that the County can provide project reviews at no cost to them. The State's Attorney's Office reviewed the concerns and outlined options for Committee action; if an audit is pursued, a neutral outside firm will be selected. The last audit, completed for Darien in 2017, was favorable. Chair Zay emphasized shared concern about the flooding and noted that audits are rarely conducted now due to increased buy in from municipalities to follow the Stormwater Ordinance.

Member Evans asked if there is an anticipated date for completing the Watershed Study for Sawmill Creek.
Director Hunn reiterated that staff are modeling potential watershed projects and will update the

Committee as work progresses. The draft Sawmill Creek Watershed Study is expected in approximately eight months, which aligns with the typical planning time of a watershed plan.

Member Krajewski inquired about unincorporated watershed areas, changing flow patterns, and the potential role of the Forest Preserve. Director Hunn confirmed that historical data are considered, and Chair Zay noted the County will work with the Forest Preserve regarding water-holding opportunities.

Member DeSart asked about funding distribution. Director Hunn explained that staff will attempt to find outside funding for co-beneficial community elements, while regional project components are fully funded through the Stormwater Department. Final project costs are not yet known pending completion of the Sawmill Creek study.

26-2719
Enforcement Concerns Committee Memo

12. NEW BUSINESS

There is no Stormwater Management Committee meeting in November due to the new state law; it conflicts with Election Day.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03am.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paul Hinterlong
SECONDER:	Lucy Evans