



Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT) Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2022 1:00 – 2:30 PM

- **Welcome, Introduction/new attendees:**

- **Guest Speaker - Basith Nasik, Reserve Freshwater Fellow**

- Discussed his research project investigating the presence of microplastics in a local green infrastructure installment.
- Wetland at Barker's Island in Superior WI meant to remove contaminants before entering St. Louis River. Designed to remove heavy metal and other contaminants. Not microplastics. Looked at the water coming in and water going out of the wetland. Does the wetland reduce microplastics also?
- Yes, fewer plastic observed at the outflow than the inflow!



Fewer Plastics observed at the outflow of the wetland than the inflow!

	Size of the Sieve	Wet - In Observation	Wet-Out Observation
	4mm	4- Black Fibers 2- Blue Fibers	0
	2mm	3- White Fibers 2- Black Fibers 1- Blue Fibers	1- Black Fiber
	500µm	2- Black Fiber 1- Blue Fiber 1- White Fiber	1- Black Fiber
	125µm	1- Black Fiber	1- Black Fiber
	Total Observed	17 Fibers	3 Fibers

- **Review & Approve [November 9, 2022 minutes](#) – All**

- Motion: Andrea made motion to approve, 2nd by Lisa. None oppose.

- **Treasurer Report / budget for 2023 (Ryan)**

- **2022 spending- stayed on track, leftover a little \$200-400**
 - Good PSAs produce, many ad runs, additional website maintenance

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1	RSPT Spending Plan 2023		
2	DRAFT for Dec 2022 Meeting		
3	Revenues	Amount	Totals
4	Anticipated Dues	14,520	
5	Anticipated Grants	0	
6	Anticipated Balance from Previous Year	20,410	
7			
8	Total Funds Available		34,930
9			
10	Expenses	Amount	Totals
11	2023 Budget for 2025 Survey	-5,000	
12	Balance Carried for 2025 Survey	-20,400	
13	PSA's	-5,000	
14	Website Maint	-600	
15	Outreach Materials	-3500	
16	End of Year Survey Prizes	-300	
17			
18			
19			
20	Total Expenses Including Survey		-34,800
21	Total Expenses Less Survey		-9,400
22	Discretionary Total		130



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- **2023 budget**
 - New PSAs not likely in cards for 2023
 - Bump up website maintenance
 - Midway became due paying member
 - Possible increase if Hibbing joins
 - Karina says Media Team will converge next week and discuss some of the other ideas there
- **Motion made by Carol to move money from PSAs to outreach and other means.** Andrea 2nd none oppose. **Motion passed**
- **Dues will be mailed out in January**
 - Julie wondering if she should send it out or someone else?
- **2022 Public Participation / Involvement Opportunity - (Carol)**
 - One opportunity per year for public participation in past have been public meetings, not many attendees
 - Carol's idea for a contest, Joe put his spin on it.
 - Press releases, Ryan point of contact. Included 8 MS4s.
 - 15 participants, 20 entries
 - Ideas: Many adopt a drain/art suggestions, several connected schools- university to grade school, Hartell waste management, a lot about gardens, reward good behavior, create another character named Brookie the brook trout that is a surfer.
 - Hat was used to draw the winners!
 - Discussion on if the emails should be used as public comment for MS4s-
- **Officer Nominations for 2023 (John)**
 - Hold nominations open until filled**
 - Hold Election at meeting in December**
 - [Listing of previous officers](#)
 - [Listing of membership](#)
 - **Co- Chair - Ryan Granlund (public-facing)**
 - **Co- Chair - Lisa DeGuire (behind-the-scenes)**
 - **Treasurer - Tammy Wilman**
 - **Secretary - Becca Reiss**
 - Any opposition- none!
- **Location / Guest Speaker for 2023 - (Lisa)**
 - a. Draft of meeting locations (2nd page of agenda)
 - b. Meeting Dates / currently 2nd Wednesday
 - c. Guest Speaker suggestions
 - d. Going to do a poll on preferences on day of meeting and guest speakers etc.

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- Roundtable Member Updates – All
- Activity sheet- add to it! John will add RSPT meetings and Ryan will add PSA info

RSPT December 2022 meeting		
Name	Representing	Update notes
Andrea Crouse	Zeitgeist	Snow removal on sidewalks – smart salting is not usually part of that conversation. How to partner with RSPT
Becca Reiss	North St Louis SWCD	
Carol Andrews	St. Louis County Public Works	
Erik Larson	UMD	
James Aird	Midway Township	
John Anderson	Cloquet (City of)	Finishing up permit stuff, working on storm sewer study also and sizing – ½ way complete. City sat in level 2 smart salting and completed level 2 certification for city. Brooke from MPCA would be interested in presenting at meeting again and also the opportunity for training.
Jonna Korpi	UMD	
Julie McDonnell	DNR	We are hosting Smart Salting for Local Leaders workshop in MN coastal area – 6 weeks from now. Would be grateful if RSPT members would be willing to share with local leaders in your communities. https://www.pca.state.mn.us/events-and-meetings/smart-salting-local-leaders-workshop MPCA stormwater/resilience planning grant opportunity is open now. applications due January 12. https://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants-and-loans/community-planning-grants-for-stormwater-wastewater-and-community-resilience Check out the small, short-term capacity grants category for details about the Conference and Training grants and other small, community support grants. These capacity grants as well as our STAR and Annual grants are a great opportunity

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		for your partners too! https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html
Karina Heim	National Estuarium Reserve	Media & Outreach brainstorm party is 12/20 at 3:30 at Zeitgeist in the Atrium. Come if you want to talk about what RSPT might focus its outreach efforts & resources on next year!
Lisa DeGuire	Superior (City of)	See Megan's updates
Maggie Karschnia	MN Sea Grant	
Megan Högfeldt	Superior (City of)	Watershed lesson with some 5 th graders, https://www.wisaltwise.com/Overview salt awareness week- Jan 23-27 https://lakesuperioricefestival.com/ Ice Fest coming up soon too. Ice orbs 365 in shape of Lake Superior. 2023 stormwater week in WI
Robin Murphy	Rice Lake	
Ryan Granlund	Duluth (City of)	Adopt a Drain is up and running.
Ryan Ihrke	WLSSD	
Sam Lobby	WLSSD	Public notice for WLSSD. Working with Julie McDonnell technical assistance program for coastal communities for Park Point. Heard good review of Poop Fairy Website.
Tom Estabrooks	MPCA	

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2023 Meeting Schedule

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