

Allegan County Water Study Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting Wednesday, November 02 2:00 pm

Present: Ric Curtis, Tom Kunetz, Dean Kapenga

On Zoom: Doug Sweeris, Erick Elgin, Brian Talsma, John Shagonaby (joined 2:30)
staff members: Rob Sarro, Scott Jones and Dan Wedge

Members not in
attendance: Chad Kraai, Jay Drozd, Zach Curtis

Guests and staff: Randy Rapp, Jill Dunham and Jaclyn Hulst

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

I. Approval of Agenda

- A. Agenda approved

II. Action Items from previous meeting

- A. Randy will add Jaclyn Hulst to the Outlook meeting distro, after the group approved of this. DONE
- B. National Ground water monitoring network is where the monitoring well data should go. Randy will email John Yellich on collecting of monitoring well results and where they are reported. Two wells have MI Geological Survey probes installed for the results to be transmitted. DONE
- C. Zach will check the National Ground Water Monitoring Network to see if Allegan results are in there. Operated by the US Geological Survey. DONE – no results yet posted.
- D. Zach will get Phase 1 long report (100 slides) to Randy, who will add the report to the county website. DONE

III. Discussion

- A. Update to the Board of Commissioners -- Assignments and Discussion (Kunetz)
- B. The group discussed the Update language
 - 1. Implementing the recommendations of the Phase 2 Screening Level Modeling, Risk Analysis and Ranking Study
 - 2. Water table monitoring wells: Have 2 monitoring wells completed, 2 more in planning. We have approval for 20 additional monitoring wells.
 - 3. Creating of a public education and outreach program
 - 4. Water Supply Master Plan
- C. Proposed Resolution for BOC
 - 1. RFP for Professional Services to create a Ground Water Master Plan and Public Communication and Outreach

2. Send notices and engage stakeholders – public and private – to work with Professional Services. After Master planning is complete, financial contributions will likely be required from local entities.
3. Extend the Water Study Workgroup to April 2024
- D. Vote on presenting the Draft 6 Update on the Allegan County Groundwater Quantity and Quality Protection Plan to the BOC. DSS is not part of the current recommendation, but may be adopted by the larger group in the future.
 1. Motion by Tom Kunetz
 2. Second by Ric Curtis
 3. Vote Results: Voice Vote – unanimous Yes, none opposed
- E. Future Work Group meeting schedule (Kunetz)
 1. November 16 meeting cancelled
 2. November 30 – Phase 2 Risk Analysis (presented by Zach of Hydrosimulatics)
 3. December 7 – Scope of Work for Water Supply Master Plan RFP and Public Communications RFP
 4. Dec 21 No meeting
 5. Jan 4 No meeting
 6. Jan 18 Phase 2 recommendations (Presentation by Zach) RFPs discussion as needed
 7. Feb 1, 15 – Monitoring wells locations; Recommendations to Board from Phase 2 Study
 8. Spring 2023 – Review proposals for Water Supply Master Plan and Public Communication
 9. Summer 2023 – Participate in information gathering sessions with the Water Supply Master Plan and the Public Communications RFP

IV. Action Items

- A. Randy will send Phase 1 long report to Web manager to post on the county website.
- B. Randy get with John Yellich to find out about additional monitoring wells; can he do more than the additional 2 that were committed?
- C. Jill will help Jaclyn download water quality info.

Meeting adjourned 3:06 pm