

Allegan County Water Study Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 15 2:00 pm

Member Name	Group	Attendance	Notes
Dean Kapenga	County Commission	In Person	
Chad Kraai	Well Driller	Absent	
Brian Talsma	Conservation District	Zoom	
Doug Sweeris	Municipal Water Supply	In Person	
Erick Elgin	Academic	Absent	
Jay Drozd	Agriculture	Absent	
John "Ric" Curtis	Community	In Person	
John Shagonaby	Tribal	Absent	Liz attended for John
Tom Kunetz	Community	In Person	
Zachary Curtis	Consultant	Zoom	

Guests and staff: In Person: Randy Rapp, Jill Dunham
Zoom: Liz Binoniemi-Smith, Scott Jones and Valdis Kalnins

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

I. Approval of Agenda

- A. Agenda approved

II. Action Items from previous meeting

- A. Erick Elgin - a list of water conservation groups around the state. Update of list in process, but not complete – Jill will follow up with Erick
- B. Tom and Jill working on the RFP with Valdis – ongoing and on today's agenda
- C. Zach will provide shape file and excel list of the approx. 300 contamination sites. Shape file provided to Randy; the excel list was emailed out 3/14 by Tom. DONE
- D. Chad will review the list once he gets it from Zach and report whether the high nitrates site (60-100 ppm) north of Martin is on it. Jill will update Excel list with full address.

III. Discussion

- A. Review final draft of RFP for Groundwater Protection Strategy (Kalnins)
 - 1. Valdis reviewed the RFP language
 - 2. RFP evaluation team will be Lorna N, Jill Dunham and Randy Rapp from the County, plus Tom Kunetz, Ric Curtis and Doug Sweeris from the Groundwater Study Workgroup.

- B. Phase 2 Report: Recommended Next Steps (Z. Curtis)
 - 1. Zach presented Recommendations
 - 2. Due to time constraints, these will be discussed by the workgroup on April 5

- C. Monitoring Wells: Recommended Locations based on Geology and Water Supply (Z. Curtis)
 - 1. Zach presented the attached pdf.
 - 2. Members are asked to let Tom know which of the potential areas

IV. Future Work Group meeting schedule (Kunetz)

NOTE: All future meetings of the Water Study Workgroup will be held in the County Services Building Board Room (where the Board of Commissioners meets).

Mar 15	Final comments to Hydrosimulatics on Phase 2	
Apr 5	Review Hydrosimulatics recommendations; RFP update	
Apr 19	Review potential locations for next round of monitoring wells	
May 3	TBD	
May 17	Initial discussion of RFP responses	
Summer 2023	Participate in information gathering sessions with the Water Supply Master Plan and the Public Communications RFP	

V. Action Items

- A. Workgroup members are asked to notify Tom of which township they can identify possible monitoring well locations for discussion at the April 19 meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:57 pm