

Allegan County Water Study Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5 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	Absent	
Jaclyn Hulst	Community	In Person	
Brad Lubbers	Agriculture	Zoom	
John "Ric" Curtis	Community	In Person	
Liz Binoniemi-Smith	Tribal	Absent	
Tom Kunetz	Community	Zoom	
Zachary Curtis	Consultant	Zoom	

Guests and staff: In Person: Jill Dunham
Zoom: Randy Rapp Dan Wedge, Mike Van Den Berg and Scott Jones

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 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 ERICK is no longer on the Work Group. **CLOSED**
- B. Tom and Jill working on the RFP with Valdis – ongoing and on today's agenda
- C. 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 check with Zach on better address info.
- D. Workgroup members are asked to notify Tom of which township they can identify possible monitoring well locations for discussion at the April 19 meeting.

III. Discussion

- A. Update on Groundwater Protection Plan RFP (Rapp or Dunham)
 - 1. Valdis is finalizing the RFP; some minor wording changes are needed. Randy contacted John Yellich about circulating the RFP. Randy will also forward the RFP to Grand Valley Metro Council and the Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI) at GVSU. Zach suggested sending the RFP to Michigan State University Extension office and Institute of Water Research (IWR.) Zach has a contact at IWR and Randy Rapp will identify a contact at MSU Extension.

- B. Review Recommendations from Phase 2 Study (Kunetz, Z. Curtis)
 - 1. Recommendation 1 – Analyze other sites of groundwater concern, and revise risk ranking list.
 - 2. Recommendation 2 - Screening-level investigation of contamination, and revised ranking list (highest priority sites)
 - a) Jaclyn pointed out the importance of bullet 3: Integrated overlay of latest water chem data with sites, GW receptors and impact area
 - 3. Recommendation 3 – Data Collection and focused modeling at highest priority sites (undated ranking lists)
 - 4. Recommendation 4: Cleanup and remediation

- C. Monitoring Well Sitting Update (Kunetz)
 - 1. Type 1 wells information is not as directly usable as monitoring wells. We still prefer a monitoring well. Monitoring wells that we can control – depth and access.
 - 2. X

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. Randy Rapp will locate a contact at MSU Extension and ensure they get the RFP.
- B. Jill offered to contact local municipalities, in the event additional information is needed on contamination sites in their jurisdiction.

Meeting adjourned 3:46 pm