

Allegan County Water Study Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:00 pm

Member Name	Group	Attendance	Notes
Dean Kapenga	County Commission	Online	
Chad Kraai	Well Driller	Absent	
Brian Talsma	Conservation District	Online	
Doug Sweeris	Municipal Water Supply	Present	
Ruth Kline	MSU Extension	Online	
Brad Lubbers	Agriculture	Present	
John "Ric" Curtis	Community	Present	
Liz Binoniemi-Smith	Tribal	Absent	
Jaclyn Hulst	Community	Present	
Tom Kunetz	Community	Present	
Zachary Curtis	Consultant	Online	

Guests and staff: In Person: Randy Rapp, Jill Dunham
Zoom: none

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

I. Approval of Agenda

- A. Agenda approved

II. Action Items from previous meeting

- A. For any Red Zones not covered, Randy to check with MGS if they intend to install any of these wells in 2024, or the County needs to proceed the advertise for bids for wells on County property, and coordinate with LGUs to have well drilled on their property. Yellich is still compiling the list of wells they will drill in 2024. - OPEN
- B.

III. Discussion

A. Monitoring Well Sensors and Telemetry Presentation

(Hulst, Guest Speaker: Wardwell)

1. David Wardwell shared with the group the monitoring equipment his company sells and which Ottawa is using. David is also working with the State of Michigan.

B. Groundwater Monitoring Wells (Rapp)

1. Randy is continuing to work with John Yellich at MGS.

C. Private Well Assistance Program (Rapp)

1. Valdis has the Scope of Work for Well Assistance completed and needs out input.
2. At Rob's request, Jill met with Stephanie at ACCF and Lisa at CAAC about a proposal for the Well Assistance.

Zach doesn't think we are in a crisis situation, but depending on the results of the contamination analysis, some areas may be more urgent than others.

Randy talked to an EGLE contact yesterday and she said they are working on getting money so that the contamination database can be updated with current information. Zach stated that new documents have been found that assess the level of risk and the urgency to take action.

D. Groundwater Workshop (Dunham)

1. Tom and Randy presented to MDHHS (presentation attached)
2. Ruth will bring groundwater 3d model to the meeting with the LGUs.
3. Randy should be the first speaker. And will introduce Maleah.
4. EGLE and MDHHS – introduce them before W&W starts
5. Save the Date cards – Hosted by Allegan County Health Department
6. GW assessment report – QR code on a separate card...

IV. New Action Items

- A. Jill will send out invite to everyone for the April 23 meeting at Trestle Stop. **DONE**
- B. Randy will connect Lindsay Maunz with Ruth and Jaclyn. Share document that Ruth and Jaclyn created and advise on which items to share on the website. **Meeting set in late Feb with these people.**
- C. Jill will discuss Well Assistance Program direction with Rob.
- D. Randy will identify a DNR contact and invite them to our initial Groundwater Workshop. Doug was contacted by Mark Mills with DNR and will send Randy his contact info.

Next meeting March 20 - Meeting adjourned 3:18 p.m.