

Allegan County Water Study Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 2:00 pm

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

Guests and staff: In Person: Jacque Billette and Rob Sarro
On Zoom:

Next meeting: October 16, 2024

I. Approval of Agenda

- A. Agenda approved

II. Action Items from previous meeting

- A. Randy to meet with Nate at County's 911 site to set location for monitoring well. **DONE**
- B. Jill to follow up with Leighton Twp re monitoring well. **DONE**
- C. Rob and Jill will discuss the best method to distribute the GAR to the local units. **DONE**
- D. Jill will provide W&W information about why the County discontinued a Planning Commission. **DONE**
- E. Randy to make contact with the Office of Geological Resources Management Division of EGLE to share information including the final GAR. **DONE**
- F. Work Group to send Maleah any further comments on the strategic planning for Workshop #2 by August 27. **DONE**

III. Discussion

A. Introduction of new work group member (Kunetz)

Tom Kunetz introduced Tom Jessup and welcomed him to the GSW.

B. Monitoring Wells Update (Rapp)

1. Well at Bysterveld Park was drilled yesterday.
2. Well at Martin Schools is being drilled today.
3. Reviewed the master tracker that Nathan is maintaining. Jill will provide updates on the agreements to Nathan to update on the tracker. Tom asked Randy to request Nathan update it at the end of weeks where they are drilling Monitoring Wells.

C. Groundwater Protection Strategy Workshop #2 (Kunetz)

1. Tom reviewed the draft agenda
2. Rob asked if the invite allows for up to 4 people per unit. Jill confirmed this.
3. Rob would like the detailed, final presentations to be reviewed at the Oct 22 review meeting for the October 29th Groundwater Workshop #2.

D. Private Well Assistance Program (Kunetz)

1. Well Trust will support our program. Recommended CAAC administer the program.
2. Rob reported CAAC and Well Trust are forming a partnership outside this project on a referral capacity. CAAC and Well Trust revised the tiers of support. Valdis is modifying the contract for review. Rob will send to Tom to distribute the final draft to the workgroup. Plan to get contract executed a week after the workgroup review.

E. Public Communications and Outreach (Hulst/Klein-Robach)

1. Jacque presented the plan
2. Brad Lubbers asked Ruth if MSU extension has materials we can leverage. Ruth said there are excellent resources we can link to. Some more locally directed materials will still be needed. We also the need a disclaimer that inquiries will not trigger an inspection.
3. Rob asked about water testing. Jacque offered she is working on a proposal for a water testing lab here in Allegan County at the Health Department. This is in VERY early investigation stages. Allegan County had a system for residents to provide water samples and the process for sending those to a lab is no longer funded by the state of MI.

IV. New Action Items

- A. Jill will update Nathan on the status of the Monitoring well agreements.
- B. Randy will ask Nathan Erber to update the master Monitoring Well tracker bi-weekly.
- C. Jill will contact John Yellich at MGS to firm up the costs or the drilling and monitoring of the wells.

Meeting adjourned 3:24 p.m.