

Allegan County Ground Water Study Ad-Hoc Work Group



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WATER STUDY WORKGROUP – MINUTES

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – 2PM

Human Services Building, Karl Zimmerman Room
3255 122nd Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010
Virtual Meeting Options – Connectivity Instructions

2PM

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Dean Kapenga, Doug Sweeris, Ric Curtis, Tom Kunetz,

Present Virtually: Chad Kraai, Brian Talsma, Erick Elgin, Zachary Curtis

Absent: Jay Drozd, John Shagonaby

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Participation from:

Doug Sweeris: City of Allegan County

Luke Keyzer & Aaron Mitchell: City of Otsego

Erik Wilson: City of Plainwell

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation by John Yellich, Michigan Geologic Survey (MGS)

Mr. Yellich presented on the Allegan County and MGS Data
Collaboration

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Ground Water Study Next Steps: Formal Proposal for the SCREENING-LEVEL MODELING, RISK ANALYSIS, AND RANKING, Next Steps Update:**
 - a. Discussed in Item #5.
- 2. Framing Questions Ranking (see attached):**
 - a. Tabled
- 3. Next Steps for Local Units of Government Communications:**
 - a. Tabled
- 4. Summary of the Allegan County Ground Water Survey:**
 - a. Tabled
- 5. Water Infrastructure Investments:**
 - a. The work group discussed the possibility of combining all studies and projects into one package to present to the Board of Commissioners at the June 9th meeting. Motion made and passed. (see attached)

- b. An addition motion (see attached) was made and passed but was not acted on because it was rolled into the motion made above.
 - c. **Action Item:** Randy Rapp to coordinate with the Parks & Recreation Department and the Michigan Geological Survey on placement of monitoring wells.
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by: Doug Sweeris

Seconded by: Ric Curtis

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

Workgroup Tasks and Deliverables:

1. Review the final Allegan County Groundwater Study, conducted by Hydrosimulatics, Inc. and submitted to the Board on March 25, 2021.
2. Provide regular updates to the Board and a final written summary of observations and recommendations of the workgroup, within one-year of the appointment of its members, relative to the study content (and any other aspects of Allegan County's current and future state relative to water quality, including recommendations for how the County (as a geographic area) should proceed with next steps (if any) and provide particular focus on Hydrosimulatics, Inc. recommendation to pursue an interactive Decision Support System. All recommendations must be specific as to the management/oversight model, funding, root need/issue to be addressed and expected results of any next steps to be considered.
3. The Allegan County Health Department will participate in the discussions of the work group and will provide administrative support, guidance and expertise.
4. As an ad-hoc workgroup, the work of the group will be considered complete upon the delivery of item number 2 above.