

# Allegan County Ground Water Study Ad-Hoc Work Group



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## WATER STUDY WORKGROUP – MINUTES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 – 2PM

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

2PM

### CALL TO ORDER:

#### ROLL CALL:

**Present In Room:** Dean Kapenga, Ric Curtis, Tom Kunetz

**Present Virtually:** Chad Kraai, Brian Talsma, Doug Sweeris, Erick Elgin,  
John Shagonaby, Zachary Curtis

**Absent:** Jay Drozd

### PRESENTATIONS:

#### Presentation by:

#### **Gun Plain Township – Mike VanDenBerg**

Presented ground water concerns in Gun Plain Township regarding PFAS contamination near Lake Doster. Also, demonstrated the well head protection area for the City of Plainwell is in Gun Plain Township. Currently do not have a project defined.

#### **City of Saugatuck – City Manager, Ryan Heise/Jon Moxey, PE, Saugatuck Township Engineer**

Presented City of Saugatuck's request for funding for the City's, EGLE required, Asset Management Plan.

#### **Otesgo Township – Chuck Kushner/ Bryan Winn:**

Presented a request for funding of water lines that will form a loop to eliminate dead ends to help prevent stagnation.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

None

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

#### 1. **Local Units of Government Project Applications—Review Criteria and discussion of requests received to date (Kunetz):**

- a. Chair Kunetz discussed the criteria for the Work Group to recommend to the BOC awarding LUGs ARPA funds. This criteria was sent to all of the LUGs from Administrator Sarro.
- b. **Action Item:** Randy Rapp to email LUGs who have already submitted requests if items are missing from their submittal.

## **2. Phase 2 Study – Update (Z. Curtis):**

- a. The contract has been submitted and signed and waiting final execution from the County Administrator. Anticipated to be signed by July 18, 2022.
- b. Well Head Protection website: <https://gis-michigan.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/egle::wellhead-protection-areas/explore?location=42.657384%2C-85.954996%2C11.00>

## **3. Work Group Task List (Kunetz):**

- a. Chair Kunetz reviewed the time table and task list:
  - i. Monitor well locations were reviewed by John Yellich. Bysterveld Park is the only location that can be used due to special constraints.
  - ii. Task 4 Monitoring Wells assigned to Zach as lead with support from Erick. John Yellich to provide additional locations possibly on Road Commission or LUG property. Randy Rapp to confirm possible monitor wells in October 2022.
  - iii. Task 5 Water Supply vs Water Demand:
    1. Assigned to: Zach & Erick
  - iv. Individual Residential Wells
    1. Dean Kapenga to work with Allegan County Community Action Agency on criteria for possible residential well funding.Task 7 Public Education:Assigned to: Erick,

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Jaclyn Hulst requested information on potential funding for residential well owners with contaminated wells.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Next Meeting: July 20, 2022

### **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.