

Allegan County Ground Water Study Ad-Hoc Work Group



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WATER STUDY WORKGROUP – MINUTES

Wednesday, August 17, 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 In Room: Dean Kapenga, Doug Sweeris, Ric Curtis, Tom Kunetz

Present Virtually: Erick Elgin, John Shagonaby, Zachary Curtis

Absent: Chad Kraai, Brian Talsma, Jay Drozd

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Local Units of Government Project Applications—Review Submittals (Kunetz/Rapp):

- a. **City of Otsego/Project #1:** Work Group Recommendation: 7 – yes, 0 – no
- b. **City of Otsego/Project #2:** Work Group Recommendation: 7 – yes, 0 – no
- c. **City of Plainwell** (note: engineer chosen after July 29 deadline): Work Group Recommendation: 7 – yes, 0 – no
- d. **Dorr Township** (Kent County Landfill): Work Group Recommendation: 1 – yes (Kunetz), 6 – no
- e. **Saugatuck Township:** Work Group Recommendation: 7 – yes, 0 – no
- f. **Otsego Township:** Work Group Recommendation: 0 – yes, 7 – no
- g. **Village of Martin/Project #1:** Work Group Recommendation: 0 – yes, 7 – no
- h. **Village of Martin/Project #2:** Work Group Recommendation: 0 – yes, 7 – no

2. Residential Well Assistance discussion (Kunetz)

- a. Discussion of criteria for distribution of remaining ARPA funds
- b. Action Items:

- i. Determine approximate number of private wells (Action: Dunham)
 - ii. Provide EGLE definition of well types (Action: Rapp)
 - iii. Determine applicability of ARPA funds to private wells (Action: Dunham)
 - 3. Decision Support System
 - a. Z. Curtis to submit proposal from Hydrosimulatics for work group members to review prior to next meeting. (Action: Z. Curtis)
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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
ADJOURNMENT:**

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.