

# Allegan County Water Study Workgroup

## Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting            Wednesday, October 19, 2022 2:00 pm

Present:                    Ric Curtis, Doug Sweeris, Dean Kapenga

On Zoom:                  John Shagonaby, Tom Kunez, Zach Curtis, Brian Talsma joined at 3:35 pm

Members not in  
attendance:                Chad Kraai, Jay Drozd, Erick Elgin,

Guests and staff:         Dan Wedge, Randy Rapp, Jill Dunham and Jaclyn Hulst

Next meeting:             Wednesday, October 19, 2022

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved

### 2. Action Items from previous meeting

- Jill to contact EGLE for Type 1 well test results (water quality.) Can we get regular test results?  
Heather Bishop for Type 1 (Anita Ladoseur - contact for private well construction)
  - Randy talked with Heather Bishop (Type 1) 50% mfg homes; 50% muni/apt/neighborhood
    - Results are available, but we must FOIA them. Can't access on our own
    - Type I (mostly municipal and mobile home parks) must post/submit a Consumer Confidence Report annually, by June 30<sup>th</sup> to all users on system
  - Doug mentioned that everything that is tested is not included in the report.
  - Randy - Why we need info and what we will do with it – Tom responded that the data could be collected regularly to input into DSS to monitor water quality over time.
  - Zach – Having samples over time to compare how it's changing over time
  - Tom is satisfied that we know where the info is and how to get it.
  - CLOSED
- Zach will respond in writing to Steve Sedore's questions/concerns about BEST DSS
  - Steve confirmed that Zach responded and Steve is satisfied with answers
  - CLOSED
- Randy will check with Carolyn Hobbs Kreger about Type 2 water quality data. County using Water Track - changing to new system.
  - Randy contacted Type 2 person (OOO until 10/28)
  - Randy spoke with Anita Lad and EGLE
  - Also need to FOIA for Type 2 wells
  - State is still not ready to replace Water Track with new system – no target date
  - EPA has water quality portal per Jaclyn
  - CLOSED – can pursue a standing authorization in future when the info is needed.
- Randy and Tom will meet with Rob Sarro to discuss the package and recommendations.
  - Meeting was held; meeting outcome will be discussed as an agenda item.

- CLOSED
- Tom will put together the draft BOC package for Oct 19<sup>th</sup> meeting; as such, recommend no meeting on Oct 5.
  - Tom sent out the draft package earlier today.
  - CLOSED
- Randy will add Jaclyn to the meeting invitation for this meeting.
  - Randy got approval and will add Jaclyn to the meeting invite.
- Jill will insure that all Water Study Workgroup meetings are on the county calendar.
  - All meetings, agendas and minutes are posted.
  - CLOSED

### 3. Discussion

- 1) Draft Recommendations to Board--Assignments and Discussion (Kunetz)
  - a. County should take the lead because the aquifer transcends the local municipal boundaries
    - i. LUG must engage – must be a collaborative effort
    - ii. Potentially County taking the lead to contract with a qualified consulting firm to develop the Water Supply Master Plan, while asking LUGs to contribute to the cost as well as a representative to participate on an oversight committee and provide local input.
    - iii. Suggestion for an in-person meeting with all local municipals – target end of winter or early spring. Possible location of The Silo including a meal. Provide info from Phase I and Phase II and get input from LUG. Also invite surrounding counties as water transcends county boundaries as well.
    - iv. DSS tool would be primarily used by LUG, but local residents or businesses could also be stakeholders in protecting ground water. Determination about purchasing DSS should be made by the LUG and other county stakeholders.
    - v. Tom will revise the Draft Recommendation to reflect the discussion and change the title to Water Supply and Water Quality Protection Plan. Remove info on DSS and Ground Water Steward for now – to be taken up in the joint LUG/County master planning process.
    - vi. Next step is presenting revised Recommendation from Water Study Group to Board of Commissioners for confirmation of their support to go forward.
    - vii. Rob will draft a Resolution to present to the BOC to approve hiring a consultant and engaging the LUGs in a planning exercise. If approved, the Work Group could assist with creating a scope of work for a consulting engagement.
- 2) Future Work Group meeting schedule (Kunetz)
  - a) November 2 – Review draft 4 of Recommendation document for approval to present at Nov 10 meeting of Board of Commissioners
  - b) November 16 meeting cancelled
  - c) November 30 - Zach will present Hydrosimulatics Phase 2 results
  - d) December 7 – may cancel, TBD

#### 4. Action Items

- Randy will add Jaclyn Hulst to the Outlook meeting distro, after the group approved of this.
- National Ground water monitoring network is where the monitoring well data should go.
  - Randy will email John Yellich on collecting of monitoring well results and where they are reported.
  - Zach will check the National Ground Water Monitoring Network to see if Allegan results are in there. Operated by the US Geological Survey.
- Zach will get Phase 1 long report (100 slides) to Randy, who will add the report to the county website.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 pm