

PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GCAC) MEMBERS LISTING:

MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance	MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance
TOWNS:			TOWNS:		
Alban	Vacant		Pine Grove	Ben Sawyer	-----
Almond	Edward Burns	Present	Pine Grove Alt	Jeanette Wilson	Present
Amherst	Gary Rzentkowski	Present	Plover	Joe Firkus	Absent
Amherst Alt	Peggy Farrell	-----	Sharon	Ron Hensler	Present
Belmont	Mike Warzynski	Absent	Stockton	Curt Soik	Absent
Belmont Alternate	Rita Walkowicz	Absent	VILLAGES:		
Buena Vista	Zack Mykisen	Present	Almond	Richard Burns	Absent
Buena Vista Alt	Roger Turzinski	Present	Amherst	Mike Juris	Present
Carson	Fred Copes	Absent	Amherst Junction	Vacant	
Dewey	Dennis Meis	Present	Junction City	Peter Mallek	Absent
Dewey Alt	Kathy Girolamo	-----	Nelsonville	Tarion O'Carroll	Present
Eau Pleine	David Hansen	Present	Park Ridge	Dan McFarlane	Present
Grant	Cecile Stelzer-Johnson	Absent	Park Ridge Alt	Christine Neidlein	-----
Grant Alt	Andrea Musch	Absent	Plover	Matt Saloun	Excused
Hull	Tim Zimmerman	Present	Rosholt	Jessie Anderson	Absent
Lanark	John Droske	Present	Whiting	Jake Wilcox	Present
Linwood	Garth Frost	Present	CITY:		
New Hope	Jenny Larsen	Excused	Stevens Point	Eric Southworth	Present
New Hope Alt	Anne Abbott	Absent			

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Reed, Jen McNelly, and Amy Heins, Planning and Zoning Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ray Reser, Barry Jacowski – District 23 Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by E. Burns.

2. PUBLIC NOTICE: *Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order. No one registered to speak.*

3. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2023

McFarlane moved to approve the minutes as presented. Turzinski seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. UPDATES ON COUNTY PROJECTS:

a. Nelsonville Workplan and Monitoring Wells

- The plan is to install wells in the beginning in May.
- Some well locations needing adjustments due to access issues or powerlines being in the way.
- 7 different depth wells in 7 different locations.

b. Po Co WATER Project

- County Clerks now have promotional materials that will be displayed during the next election.
- Free nitrate screenings at both County Fairs this summer.
- Reimbursement update: 28 reverse osmosis systems for private residential wells have been installed and 11 transient non-community wells, and more applications have been received and just pending the install.
- We received 2.3 million in funding and ended up giving 1 million back as this program only goes through 2024.

c. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative

- Report is done and the rollout meeting will be April 6th at 6:30 PM in Montello at the County Building. More details such as address will be forwarded when received. The meeting/presentation will be recorded for anyone wishing to watch later.

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: REVIEW GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND UPDATES:

- Page 9 – Remove “Precipitation Standard Departure” graphs
- Page 13 – needs to have a reference to “Table 2” on the following page
- Revisit Land Use tables; take into consideration solar farms still showing as agricultural/farmland, but no longer irrigated or tillable which also takes several high-capacity wells offline
- Add the following:
 - Information on animal units and how it has changed over time
 - Sale and/or usage of fertilizer over time

McNelly to make changes discussed tonight and review/update water quantity for the next meeting.

7. MEMBER UPDATES

None

8. NEXT MEETING DATE/TOPICS:

The next meeting date is tentatively set for Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5, County Annex.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Meis moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Zimmerman. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.