

PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 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	Excused
Belmont	Mike Warzynski	Absent	Stockton	Curt Soik	Absent
Belmont Alternate	Rita Walkowicz	Absent	VILLAGES:		
Buena Vista	Zack Mykisen	-----	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	Present
Dewey Alt	Kathy Girolamo	-----	Nelsonville	Tarion O'Carroll	Present
Eau Pleine	David Hansen	Present	Park Ridge	Dan McFarlane	Excused
Grant	Cecile Stelzer-Johnson	Present	Park Ridge Alt	Christine Neidlein	Absent
Grant Alt	Andrea Musch	-----	Plover	Matt Saloun	Absent
Hull	Tim Zimmerman	Present	Rosholt	Jessie Anderson	Absent
Lanark	John Droske	Excused	Whiting	Jake Wilcox	Present
Linwood	Garth Frost	Present	CITY:		
New Hope	Jenny Larsen	Present	Stevens Point	Eric Southworth	Present
New Hope Alt	Anne Abbott	-----			

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Knepfel

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 MARCH 30, 2023

O'Carroll moved to approve the minutes as presented. Zimmerman seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- McNelly stated she will be holding a nitrate screening event at the Rosholt Fair Labor Day weekend.
- The number of participants doubled this year at the Amherst Fair, approximately 63.

5. UPDATES ON COUNTY PROJECTS:

a. Nelsonville Workplan and Monitoring Wells

- Base water results were received in June.
- July's water results will be back in a few weeks, which includes testing for organics.
- Working on creating a 3D image of wells.

b. Po Co WATER Project

- Plenty of funding left for water samples as well as reverse osmosis systems.

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: REVIEW GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE – WATER QUANTITY SECTION:

Page numbers were missing for reference purposes, noted for next packet.

- **Graphs:**
 - o Bancroft monitoring well graph has the years reversed.

- **Lake Level Monitoring and Stream Base Flow Monitoring:**
 - o Insert reference to website and include in appendix as there are over 20 pages of maps
- **High-Capacity Wells:**
 - o Display 10 years of data in the table for groundwater withdrawal
 - o Show only 5 years of data in the pie charts
- **Groundwater Utilization Trends:**
 - o Typo in date range "1985-200"
 - o Hydrant flushing is not accounted for in metered water sales
 - o Swap out graphs based on "total gallons pumped" and note "includes lost water aka hydrant flush"

7. MEMBER UPDATES

- Zimmerman questioned the Town of Hulls monitoring wells. McNelly replied she has not heard anything, but would look into it.
- Reminder that the quick nitrate screenings are not 100% accurate. Should the results be of concern, the best thing to do is have your water tested through the lab.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE/TOPICS:

The next meeting date is tentatively set for Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5, County Annex.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mallek. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.