

PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025- 7:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES

GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GCAC) MEMBERS LISTING:

FEBRUARY 18, 2025 ATTENDANCE

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

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Reed-Online, Tyler Kunze, and Nicki Winkelman, Planning and Zoning Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Crubaugh

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

4. UPDATES ON COUNTY PROJECTS:

2024 Water Levels: Data collected monthly Feb – Dec, 2024 or when water is thawed. Six streams and seven

lakes tested with results consistent with those found in normal groundwater. J.Larson, Town of New Hope requested Sunset Lake be included when collecting water levels. This information will be added to the Portage County website along with possible data from past years to establish a trend.

5. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5, 2024:

P. Mallek moved to approve the minutes as presented. T. O'Carroll seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Portage County Groundwater Management Plan Update: Concern 2 Groundwater Quality.

See attachment with proposed changes.

7. MEMBER UPDATES:

State ARPA Grant Program funding available to pay for 100% of up to \$16,000 in eligible costs of a new well if contaminated with a \$100,000 income cap. Possible reimbursement or approval if denied in the past.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is set for April 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

P. Mallek moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by G. Frost. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.