

**PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 - 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	Vacant	Pine Grove	Ben Sawyer	Absent
Almond	Edward Burns	Present	Pine Grove Alternate	Jeanette Wilson	Present
Amherst	Gary Rzentkowski	Present	Plover	Joe Firkus	Present
Amherst Alternate	Peggy Farrell	Absent	Sharon	Ron Hensler	Present
Belmont	Mike Warzynski	Absent	Stockton	Curt Soik	Absent
Belmont Alternate	Rita Walkowicz	Absent	VILLAGES:		
Buena Vista	DJ Firkus	Present	Almond	Dylan Warzynski	Present
Buena Vista Alternate	Roger Turzinski	Present	Amherst	Mike Juris	Online
Carson	John Jazdzewski	Present	Amherst Junction	Vacant	Vacant
Dewey	Dennis Meis	Present	Junction City	Peter Mallek	Present
Dewey Alternate	Kathy Girolamo	Absent	Nelsonville	Tarion O'Carroll	Present
Eau Pleine	David Hansen	Absent	Park Ridge	Dan McFarlane	Present
Grant	Cecile Stelzer-Johnson	Absent	Park Ridge Alternate	Christine Neidlein	Absent
Grant Alternate	Andrea Musch	Absent	Plover	Matt Saloun	Online
Hull	Tim Zimmerman	Present	Plover Alternate	Vacant	Vacant
Lanark	John Droske	Online	Rosholt	Vacant	Vacant
Linwood	Garth Frost	Present	Whiting	Jake Wilcox	Online
New Hope	Jenny Larsen	Absent	CITY:		
New Hope Alternate	Anne Abbott	Absent	Stevens Point	Eric Southworth	Online

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

OTHERS PRESENT: 715-347-3326 Online

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Edward Burns, Chair.

2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2025:

A motioned was made by Ron Hensler, seconded by Dennis Meis, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

3. 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.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

Tyler Kunze - Water Resource Specialist, presented on the following:

- a)2022 County-Wide Water Sampling Results
- b)Lake Levels & Streamflow Data
- c)Portage Solar Monitoring Wells

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Recommend Groundwater Management Plan Updates to the Planning and Zoning Committee & Land and Water Conservation Committee: A motion was made by Ron Hensler, seconded by Dan McFarlane to amend the following: Page 19 – extra word removed. Page 14, 27, 62 – changed phrase "to try and" to "to try to". Page 34 – Reword a sentence to "Is equal to one mg/L for nitrate -N" & "It is recommended that everyone should avoid long-term consumption of water containing nitrate above the MCL". Page 51- revised to read "lawn fertilizer". Page 26-27 include Amherst 2024 total metered water sales data and update graph with the 2024 data.

Motion to the amended the Groundwater Management Plan Update by Peter Mallek and seconded by John Droske. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

6. MEMBER UPDATES:

- Tyler Kunze gave an introduction of new committee members.
- Peter Mallek updated that Junction City would like well # 6 to be back online.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

No discussion.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., Conference Room 5, County Annex.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Burns adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.