

PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022 - 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	Absent
Almond	Edward Burns	Present	Pine Grove Alt	Jeanette Wilson	Absent
Amherst	Tommy Enright	Present Online	Plover	Joe Firkus	Absent
Amherst Alt	Peggy Farrell	-----	Sharon	Ron Hensler	Present Online
Belmont	Mike Warzynski	Absent	Stockton	Curt Soik	Absent
Belmont Alternate	Rita Walkowicz	Absent	VILLAGES:		
Buena Vista	Zack Mykisen	Excused	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	Excused
Dewey Alt	Kathy Girolamo	-----	Nelsonville	Tarion O'Carroll	Present
Eau Pleine	David Hansen	Excused	Park Ridge	Dan McFarlane	Present
Grant	Cecile Stelzer-Johnson	Present	Park Ridge Alt	Christine Neidlein	-----
Grant Alt	Andrea Musch	-----	Plover	Matt Saloun	Absent
Hull	Tim Zimmerman	Present	Rosholt	Jessie Anderson	Absent
Lanark	John Droske	Present Online	Whiting	Jake Wilcox	Excused
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: In-person: Ray Reser, County Board Supervisor, District 25, Mildred Neville, County Board Supervisor, District 6, Emily Patton, Lisa Anderson, Amberle Schwartz, and Pete Arntsen

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by E. Burns, Chair.

2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Mark Zack Mykisen as present. Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes as amended. McFarlane seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- Shanklands clean water bill passed and is awaiting governor signature.
- The well compensation bill did not pass.
- Countywide well sampling letters will go out in April with testing being between June 6-10.

4. 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.

5. Discussion/Possible Action:

a. Draft Letter to County Board Supervisors

- Correction "High nitrate-nitrogen" in 2nd paragraph 3rd to last line
- Strike "which are not currently quantifiable, but should be considered" in the 2nd paragraph
- Strike "These potential actions may not be easy and they may not be short-term fixes but are options for steps that can be taken." In the 3rd paragraph
- Strike "discuss and" from last sentence.

Committee agreed to send the letter after the election when the new County Board is seated. Droske moved to approve as amended. Enright seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote, Zimmerman opposed. Reser stated he will have this added as an agenda item for County Board, so it is not lost/overlooked in correspondence.

- b. Presentation Regarding Portage County Groundwater Projects and SLFR Funds (presentation on file)
 - With self-sampling there is a concern that water samples could come from anywhere just to take advantage of funding.
 - Cost share details will be worked out through the Finance Committee.
 - Will use mass media to get the word out that funding is available.
 - Suggested that this should only be available for primary residences.

6. MEMBER UPDATES

None

7. NEXT MEETING DATE/TOPICS:

The next meeting date is tentatively set for Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5, County Annex.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Juris moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Meis. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Amy Heins

Recording Secretary