

PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 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	Absent
Almond	Edward Burns	Present	Pine Grove Alt	Jeanette Wilson	Absent
Amherst	Gary Rzentkowski	Present	Plover	Joe Firkus	Absent
Amherst Alt	Peggy Farrell	Absent	Sharon	Ron Hensler	Absent
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 Online
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	Excused	Park Ridge	Dan McFarlane	Present
Grant	Cecile Stelzer-Johnson	Present	Park Ridge Alt	Christine Neidlein	-----
Grant Alt	Andrea Musch	-----	Plover	Matt Saloun	Present Online
Hull	Tim Zimmerman	Absent	Rosholt	Jessie Anderson	Absent
Lanark	John Droske	Present Online	Whiting	Jake Wilcox	Excused
Linwood	Garth Frost	Present	CITY:		
New Hope	Jenny Larsen	Present Online	Stevens Point	Eric Southworth	Present
New Hope Alt	Anne Abbott	-----			

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Pavelski - County Executive

ONLINE: Pete Arntsen, Mike Splinter - District 12 Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by E. Burns, Chair.

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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Handouts available for State and County Funding Programs.

5. UPDATES ON COUNTY PROJECTS:

a. County Wide Well Water Sampling Project

- We should receive the completed report February 1st, 2023
- Informational meeting for participants will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 6:00 pm in Conference Room 5 of the County Annex
- The final report will be included in the Committee packet for the February 16th GCAC meeting.

b. Nelsonville Workplan and Monitoring Wells

- 7 monitoring wells with 7 different depths have been fully funded: \$240,000, and are expected to be in the ground in April 2023.
- 2 years' worth of monitoring is included, but we put in for a 2-year extension which if approved would be an additional \$20,000.

c. Po Co WATER Project

- Reimbursement up to \$1,500 for private wells and \$10,000 for transient non-community wells

- Since September there have been 160 private wells tested with 46 being over the drinking standard
- 23 applications received with 13 of them being fully funded thus far
- 10 transient non-community wells have been fully funded as well
- Program runs through 2024, still plenty of time to have wells tested and apply for funding
- There is also State funding available for well replacement, up to \$16,000

6. PRESENTATION: POWTS (Private Onsite Waste Treatment System) 101, Chris Mrdutt, Portage County Planning and Zoning: (Presentation on file)

Highlight Discussion: Water Softener should NOT go into your septic if possible. It will shorten the life of your system.

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Recommendations for Portage County POWTS Ordinance Revisions:

Item Postponed - will bring back with POWTS Ordinance revisions.

8. MEMBER UPDATES

- P&Z is currently working on updating the POWTS Ordinance
- Time for GCAC to update the Groundwater Management Plan
- P&Z will also be working with municipalities on the Countywide Comprehensive Plan update

9. NEXT MEETING DATE/TOPICS:

The next meeting date is tentatively set for Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5, County Annex.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

McFarlane moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Stelzer-Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.