

PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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	Excused	Pine Grove Alt	Jeanette Wilson	Present Online
Amherst	Gary Rzentkowski	Present	Plover	Joe Firkus	Absent
Amherst Alt	Peggy Farrell	Absent	Sharon	Ron Hensler	Present Online
Belmont	Mike Warzynski	Absent	Stockton	Curt Soik	Absent
Belmont Alternate	Rita Walkowicz	Absent	VILLAGES:		
Buena Vista	Zack Mykisen	Present	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	Present Online	Park Ridge	Dan McFarlane	Excused
Grant	Cecile Stelzer-Johnson	Present	Park Ridge Alt	Christine Neidlein	-----
Grant Alt	Andrea Musch	-----	Plover	Matt Saloun	Present Online
Hull	Tim Zimmerman	Present	Rosholt	Jessie Anderson	Absent
Lanark	John Droske	Present Online	Whiting	Jake Wilcox	Present Online
Linwood	Garth Frost	Present	CITY:		
New Hope	Jenny Larsen	Present	Stevens Point	Eric Southworth	Present Online
New Hope Alt	Anne Abbott	-----			

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ray Reser, Barry Jacowski – District 23 Supervisor, John Pavelski - County Executive

ONLINE: Pete Arntsen, Lynn Markham

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Meis.

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 JANUARY 19, 2023

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE

State ARPA funding is still available.

5. UPDATES ON COUNTY PROJECTS:

a. Nelsonville Workplan and Monitoring Wells

- Funding for additional 2 years of monitoring was denied as they can only accept funds through 2024.

b. Po Co WATER Project

- Revised handouts available

c. Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative

- Report is done and the rollout meeting will be April 6th at 6:30 PM in Montello at the County Building. More details such as address will be forwarded when received. The meeting/presentation will be recorded for anyone wishing to watch later.

6. PRESENTATION: Portage County-Wide Well Water Quality 2022, Kevin Masarik UWSP Center for Watershed Science and Education: (Presentation on file)

- Dairy Rotation is the rotation of crops utilized for dairy farms.

- This presentation will be offered to the Land and Water Conservation Committee as well as the full County Board.
- Suggestion to add the municipal water reports into this as well as an overlay map to show the rural effects on municipal wells.
- Samples were pre-treatment device; therefore, all raw data.
- Resampling every 5 years costs \$25,000. The County budgets \$5,000 a year for this project.
- Village of Amherst will start testing for PFAS in April.
- Rural residential wells are showing detects of PFAS but nothing substantial. This is something that will need to be looked at and incorporated into the Groundwater Management Plan update.
- There are discrepancies between the EPA and State standards for PFAS. EPA recommends no detect.
- 24% for greater than 10 mg/L uses the well water viewer which is a more comprehensive look.
- Ideally sampling more often, as in once a year for 5 years, would allow us to see trends.
- We wanted to do 300-350 samples for this project, we sent out 250 kits, and only received 190 back.
- We only had well construction reports on half of the sampled wells and that plays a factor as well. Being able to see the well depth, casing depth, etc. is beneficial as well as knowing the landscape and well placement.

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Review Final Report for Portage County-Wide Well Water Quality 2022:

Item Postponed

8. MEMBER UPDATES

Item Postponed

9. NEXT MEETING DATE/TOPICS:

The next meeting date is tentatively set for Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5, County Annex.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

O'Carroll moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Larsen. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.