

Allegan County Ground Water Study Ad-Hoc Work Group



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WATER STUDY WORKGROUP – MINUTES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – 2PM

Human Services Building, Karl Zimmerman Room
3255 122nd Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010
Virtual Meeting Options – Connectivity Instructions

2PM

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Dean Kapenga, Doug Sweeris, Ric Curtis, Tom Kunetz,

Present Virtually: Erick Elgin, Zachary Curtis, Brian Talsma,

Absent: Jay Drozd, John Shagonaby, Chad Kraai,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation by:

Kent County DPW (Dorr Township Business Park)

Dar Baas and Jeff Miling, Dorr Township Supervisor
presented

Saugatuck Township Water Project

Daniel DeFranco presented on behalf of Saugatuck
Township

COMMUNICATIONS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board of Commissioners (BOC) Vote on Resolution Update and Next Steps (see attached):

- a. The BOC approved the allocation of funds to be set aside for water projects as submitted by the work group.
- b. The BOC approved Phase II Screening Study to be performed by Hydrosimulatics. Randy Rapp to initiate contracting process.
- c. The BOC approved funding for four monitoring wells to be installed on County property in cooperation with Michigan State Geologic Survey. Randy Rapp to coordinate with MSGS with advice from Zach Curtis.

2. Next Steps for Local Units of Government Project Communications:

- a. Tom Kunetz and Rob Sarro to meet to compose a letter to send to the Local Units of Government. Will be sent to the group for review and input prior to being sent to the Local Units of Government.
- b. Tom, Rob, Randy, and Ric will meet to develop a procedure for review of LUG project funding requests, including review criteria.

- 3. Work Group Task List (see attached):**
 - a. Public Education was added as a Task item.
 - b. Tom to update task list to include tentative dates.
 - 4. Outreach Questions (Sweeris):**
 - a. Did not discuss.
 - 5. Future Meeting Schedule:**
 - a. Tom Kunetz to propose new meeting schedule in consideration of the Independence Day holiday.
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Ric Curtis

Second by: Dean Kapenga

Workgroup Tasks and Deliverables:

1. Review the final Allegan County Groundwater Study, conducted by Hydrosimulatics, Inc. and submitted to the Board on March 25, 2021.
2. Provide regular updates to the Board and a final written summary of observations and recommendations of the workgroup, within one-year of the appointment of its members, relative to the study content (and any other aspects of Allegan County's current and future state relative to water quality, including recommendations for how the County (as a geographic area) should proceed with next steps (if any) and provide particular focus on Hydrosimulatics, Inc. recommendation to pursue an interactive Decision Support System. All recommendations must be specific as to the management/oversight model, funding, root need/issue to be addressed and expected results of any next steps to be considered.
3. The Allegan County Health Department will participate in the discussions of the work group and will provide administrative support, guidance and expertise.
4. As an ad-hoc workgroup, the work of the group will be considered complete upon the delivery of item number 2 above.