



**Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
6:00 PM**

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll call: Bake Baker, Mark Have, Keith Hoffmann, David Husebye
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of the January 2, 2019 Meeting
5. Old Business
 - A. Well testing for Nitrates for 2018 and prior
 - B. Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms 2019
 - C. Perflourochemicals (PFC) update
 - D. List of reference items for NRGC
 - E. NRGC Management Organization update
 - 1) Washington Conservation District
 - 2) South Washington County Watershed District
 - 3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization
 - 4) Valley Branch Watershed District
 - 5) Washington County Water Consortium
 - F. Update on CC and PC Business—Council Member Palmquist
 - G. Additional agenda items proposed by members
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting Date April 2, 2019
8. Adjourn

NRGC Meeting minutes

January 2, 2019 4:00 PM

- 1) Call to order: Dave Husebye called the meeting to order at 4:05.
- 2) Roll call: In attendance were Dave Husebye, Mark Have and Keith Hoffmann. Bake Baker was an excused absentee. It was not clear if Jack Kollmer was still a member of the committee. Bill Palmquist was in attendance representing the City Council.
- 3) Approval of agenda: The agenda was reviewed by the members. Keith made a motion to accept the agenda, Mark seconded, and the motion passed 3-0-0.
- 4) Approval of the minutes December 4, 2018: The minutes were presented from the meeting of December 4, 2018. A correction was needed to correct the spelling on Hoffmann (from Hoff). Keith made a motion to approve, Mark seconded, and the motion passed 3-0-0.
- 5) Business
 - A. NRGC Members and Officers. The issue of Officers was raised, and the group decided to continue with the current officer designations: Dave as Chairman, Keith as Vice Chairman, and the responsibilities of Secretary will be rotated, Dave volunteered for this meeting.
 - B. Remote participation in meetings. City staff had researched the options that could be used. In the packet was information on options to include Skyping. It appeared that it would be easy to add a single participant, but adding a second would be much more difficult. The committee decided not to request the needed equipment, but would try to schedule meetings where a quorum could be obtained without needing remote participation.
 - C. Well testing for Nitrates 2018 and prior. This data is available, and if an intern could be recruited for the summer, this could potentially be graphed / plotted over time. This will be reviewed going forward.
 - D. Well testing 2019 for coliforms and nitrates. The committee reviewed plans to collect samples in June 2019. Keith had reached out to the county on this issue earlier in 2018. The cost was estimated to be \$12.00 per sample for coliforms, and nitrates could be done on the same sample for an additional \$12.80. There was a timeline for requesting bottles with the county needing 3+ weeks lead time before the collection bottles could be delivered. The committee created a timeline. In April an article will go out in the Afton Newsletter explaining the proposed program. Names of those wishing to participate were to be forwarded to the City (?Julie) and / or members of the committee by May 15. A list would be generated. In May another article would be included with a deadline to submit names by May 15. The list would be forwarded to the county. In early June, the sample bottles would be available to the working group on this project. These sample bottles with the instructions would be sent out to residents. Planned drop off of samples would be from 7:00 – 9:00 AM on June 11 and June 18. Doing a second testing of nitrates later in the year was also reviewed. In 2018 a program was held in City Hall and was done free of charge for residents (and at no cost to the city). The committee felt this should be done once again in 2019. Timing might depend on if a summer intern was working on this issue (thus do it earlier), or later in the early fall.
 - E. PFC update: No new update.
 - F. List of reference items for NRGC. Dave reviewed his contacts with the City to try to have some maps of the City boundary, watersheds, sub watersheds, and Water Management Organizations. Dave will continue to try to pull together maps if some are available. He will continue to try to create an information packet.
 - G. NRGC Management Organization Update
 1. WCD: Dave reports no new update
 2. SWCWD: Bake was not present

3. MSCWMO: Dave reported no update (to get from Annie Perkins)
 4. VBWD: Mark notes potential for renewed funding for Kelle's Creek for testing to monitor septic and drain field issues
 5. WCWC: Keith had forwarded the Agenda Packet from the WCWC that included material on water treatment / reuse and the effect of water flooding on well water quality.
- H. Update on CC and PC Business. Council Member / Mayor Palmquist noted the Final PLAT for the Carlson PLCD was completed. He notes there may be a new CC representative, but this was not yet known.
- 6) Next meeting date listed February 5th, 2019, but there will not be a quorum, so the next meeting will be March 5th. The meeting time will need to be set so as to be able to obtain a quorum.
 - 7) Adjournment. Dave moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Mark, and the motion passed 3-0 at 5:10.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Husebye