



Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2020
5:30 PM
Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll call: Bake Baker, Mark Have, Keith Hoffmann, David Husebye, Valerie Stoehr, Kim Myhers
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Meeting
5. Old Business
 - A. Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms 2019 and earlier
 - B. Well Testing for 2020
 - C. Perflourochemicals (PFC) update
 - D. List of reference items for NRGC
 - E. Wastewater Tour for Community for Spring 2020: April 30 at 5:30
 - F. NRGC items for Afton's monthly newsletter
 - 1) Recycling update
 - 2) Water conservation
 - 3) Well testing
 - G. NRGC Management Organization update
 - 1) Washington Conservation District - Dave
 - 2) South Washington County Watershed District - Bake
 - 3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization - Dave
 - 4) Valley Branch Watershed District - Mark
 - 5) Washington County Water Consortium – Keith
 - H. Update on CC and PC Business - Mayor Palmquist
 - I. Additional agenda items proposed by members
6. Next Meeting Dates: April 7, May 5.
7. Adjourn

NRGC Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2020

Afton City Hall

- 1) Call to order: Dave Husebye called the meeting to order at 5:40.
- 2) Roll call: In attendance were Bake Baker, David Husebye and Valerie Stoehr. Mark Have and Keith Hoffmann were excused absence. Mayor Palmquist was in attendance representing the City Council.
- 3) Approval of Agenda. Bake made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dave, and the motion passed 3-0.
- 4) Approval of Minutes December 3, 2019. Bake a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dave and the motion passed 3-0.
- 5) Old Business
 - i) NRGC Members and Officers for 2020. The issue of Officers was raised and discussed. Bake made a motion to continue the current slate with Dave as Chair, other members serving as Vice-Chair and Secretary on a rotating basis as needed. Dave seconded the motion, and the motion was passed 3-0. Dave volunteered to record the minutes for this meeting.
 - ii) Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms 2019 and earlier. Dave provided an update. There are 4 data sets, and he received the final reports for Afton for the rest of 2019 from Washington County. Dave reported he has reached out to several County and State Departments to better understand the data, understand some of the limitations, and for clarification. Dave is planning to consolidate this into a single data set, and try to add further well data (from the Minnesota Well Index data base). Dave had reached out to Dr. Jackson again, but he is on sabbatical from now into the summer. Extensive discussion was undertaken on what to do with the data, and options on how to utilize the data.
 - iii) Perflourochemicals (PFC) update. Mayor Palmquist noted there were meetings January 14th and 15th on this subject. He provided some updates on the 1007 Stormwater plans, considerations and noted both Cottage Grove and Woodbury have started efforts to filter their well water.
 - iv) List of reference items for NRGC. Former NRGC Chair Jack Kollmer dropped off several binders of reference materials. Various members will be reviewing these, and looking to update as able. Some of the updates might include recommendations to update some of the Afton Inventories that have previously collected.
 - v) Wastewater Tour for Community for Spring 2020. Val reported she has discussed this with the Engineer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Various dates were discussed, and targeting April 30th for a late afternoon tour was felt to be best. Announcements will be included in the Afton Newsletter.
 - vi) NRGC items for Afton's monthly newsletter
 - (1) Lawns to Legumes. Dave reported he had submitted a short article on this.
 - (2) Recycling Update. Val reported she has looked into this, and more information will be forthcoming, and a future article could be prepared.
 - (3) Water Conservation.
 - (4) Well Testing for 2020.
 - vii) NRGC Management Organization update
 - (1) Washington Conservation District—Dave reported last approved minutes were for November, 2019. Noted approval by WCD and SWWD for almost \$110K grant payment for creation of an infiltration pond for Carpenter Nature Center.
 - (2) South Washington County Watershed District—Bake shared an update on Trout Brook restoration efforts in the area of Afton Alps.
 - (3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization—Dave reported nothing

- (4) Valley Branch Watershed District—no report.
- (5) Washington County Water Consortium—Keith noted there was a meeting open to the public.
- viii) Update on CC and PC Business—Mayor Palmquist provided some recent updates. Some land is for sale on Valley Creek and St. Croix Trail that might be of interest to preserve, and he reported there is some interest in looking into this. In the Afton Creek Preserve, there were issues with drainage in several of the ponds. There has been some active pumping / emptying of some of the ponds, and not all the ponds are working as planned. It appears further work needs to be done as Pond 7 has refilled.
- 6) Next Meeting Dates to be determined: There will be no quorum for February, thus no meeting. Tuesday March 3rd is an election day, so no meeting can take place on that date. Instead, it was agreed to meet on Monday March 2, 2020 at 5:30.
- 7) Adjourn. Val made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bake, and the motion passed 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45.