



**Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2023
5:00 PM**

**Note: The June 6, 2023 NRGc meeting will be held both remotely and in-person at City Hall.
Instructions for participating in the meeting remotely are provided below.
Instructions for Participating in the Meeting Remotely Via Zoom**

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- Meeting ID: (823 8574 1460)
Passcode: 883619
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Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll call: David Husebye (excused absence), Susan Loomis, Kim Myhers, Jack Kollmer, Elissa Thompson, and Cody Kaye
3. Approval of Agenda for June 6, 2023 meeting and additional agenda items proposed by members.
4. Approval of Minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting.
5. Old Business
 - A. Well testing for Nitrates, Phosphates and coliforms
 - 1) Program for 2023 – Report Jack Kollmer
 - (a) June 20th volunteers – David (sample delivery), Jack, Susan, Kim
 - (b) June 27th volunteers – Jack (sample delivery), Kim, Susan
 - B. Perfluorochemicals (PFC) update, - Report delayed until June meeting
 - 1) VBWD/Barr Engineering meeting April 12, 2023. MPCA presentation.
 - C. List of reference items for NRGc and educational resources for community.
 - 1) EAST METRO Water Resource Education Program – Adopted by City Council. Need volunteer from Committee for liaison with East Metro WREP.

D. NRGC items for Afton's monthly newsletter

- 1) Well Testing for 2023 – Jack Kollmer
- 2) Low-mow Lawns and Green laws for Blue Waters – Cody Kaye June issue.
- 3) Tree planting/Arbor Day Foundation/ American Forests – Jack Kollmer July issue.
- 4) Save our Bee's/Pollinators – Jack Kollmer Or volunteer
- 5) Rain barrel's – Susan Loomis
- 6) TBD

E. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) – City Council looking into grants.

F. NRGC Management Organization update

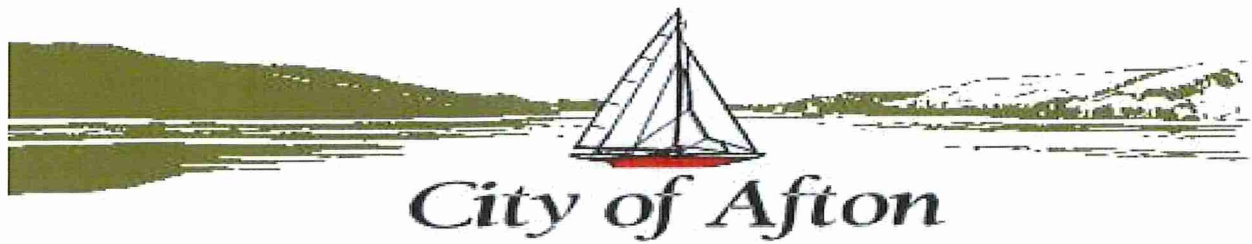
- 1) Washington Conservation District – Elissa Thompson
- 2) South Washington County Watershed District – Kim Myhers
- 3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization – Susan Loomis
- 4) Valley Branch Watershed District – Jack Kollmer
- 5) Washington County Water Consortium – David Husebye will report at the next meeting.

G. Update on CC and PC Business - Mayor Palmquist

H. Additional agenda items proposed by members as New Business or future meeting agendas.

6. Next Meeting Date TBD: July 4, 2023? Change date, adopt no meeting for July; discussion by Committee.

7. Adjourn



**Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
5:00 PM**

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Agenda

1. Call to order **Called by Jack at 5:15**
2. Roll call: David Husebye **Present**, Susan Loomis **Present**, Kim Myhers , **Present** Jack Kollmer **Present**, Elissa Thompson **Present**, and Cody Kaye **Unexcused**.
3. Approval of Agenda for May 2, 2023 meeting and additional agenda items proposed by members.
Jack, addition under H. Approval David; second Susan. Vote 5-0
4. Approval of Minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting. **David motion to approve, Kim 2nd. Vote 5-0.**
5. New Business
 - A. Valley Branch Watershed District. Presentation by VBWD Engineer Barr Engineering on
makeup and goals of the watershed. **How can Afton and Committee work with VBWD**
 - a. **10 year Watershed District plan feedback**
 - b. **Greenway Corridor planning and connections**
 - c. **Bacteria impairments on Kelles and Valley Branch**
 - i. **E-Coli Impairment and TDML levels contributed to by septic systems 60-84% of bacteria load: need to reduce by 50-96% (Kelles)**
 - d. **Grant opportunity for septic system compliance.**

6. Old Business

- A. Well testing for Nitrates, ~~Phosphates~~ and coliforms
 - 1) Program for 2023 – Report David Husebye
 - (a) **David will be gone at next meeting.**
 - (b) **20th volunteers- David (Sample Delivery), Jack, Susan, Kim,**
 - (c) **27th Volunteers Jack (Sample Delivery), Kim, Susan**
- B. Perfluorochemicals (PFC) update, - Report delayed until June meeting
 - 1) VBWD/Barr Engineering meeting April 12, 2023. MPCA presentation.
- C. List of reference items for NRGC and educational resources for community.
 - 1) EAST METRO Water Resource Education Program – Report Mayor Palmquist
Afton joined East Metro Watershed Resource Education Program (EMWREP)
- D. NRGC items for Afton's monthly newsletter
 - 1) Well Testing for 2023 – David Husebye
 - 2) Low-mow Lawns and Green laws for Blue Waters – Cody Kaye June issue. **Will be in June issue.**
 - 3) Tree planting/Arbor Day Foundation/ American Forests – Jack Kollmer July issue. – **Needs a volunteer to assist.**
 - 4) Save our Bee's/Pollinators – Jack Kollmer Or volunteer **Committee to review Jack's article.**
 - 5) Rain barrel's – Susan Loomis **Adopt a drain in June article.**
 - 6) TBD **Well Testing Follow-up August)**
- E. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) – Report David Husebye
 - 1) **Council looking into grants.**
- F. NRGC Management Organization update
 - 1) Washington Conservation District – Elissa Thompson
 - (a) **Site visits and water testing**
 - (b) **Working on the native vegetation plan for the City of Afton Levee Operations and Maintenance Plan.**
 - 2) South Washington County Watershed District – Kim Myhers
 - (a) **Hassenbank seeding**
 - 3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization – Susan Loomis
 - (a) **Re-doing 10 year plan**
 - 4) Valley Branch Watershed District – Jack Kollmer
 - (a) **Re-doing 10 year plan**
 - (b) **PFC's out of water information**
 - 5) Washington County Water Consortium – David Husebye
 - (a) **3M Settlement Dollars**
 - (b) **PFAS out of groundwater- Foam on rivers in high concentrations. Trials on small scale PFAS removal.**
 - (c) **Meeting tomorrow- Soil health updates**

G. Update on CC and PC Business - Mayor Palmquist

- 1) **River Cested- Levee did great! WCD working on O&M plan for native plantings and habitat.**

H. Additional agenda items proposed by members as New Business or future meeting agendas.

- 1) **Add term dates to the member contact list; Mayor Palmquist to provide.**

7. Next Meeting Date TBD: June 6, 2023?

- a) **Motion to approve David, second Kim. Vote 5-0**
- b) **July meeting falls on 4th of July**

8. Adjourn

- a) **Motion to adjourn Elissa, 2nd David. Vote 5-0**

For residents of AFTON, MN

From: THE NATURAL RESOURCE and GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE (NRGC)

Jack Kollmer, Committee Chairman

An Invitation: