



**Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

5:30 PM Tour of Wastewater Treatment Site

Meeting to follow at Afton City Hall

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll call: Bake Baker, Mark Have, Keith Hoffmann, David Husebye, Valerie Stoehr
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of the May 7, 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
 - 6) Citizen monitoring
 - F. Update on CC and PC Business - Mayor Palmquist
 - G. Additional agenda items proposed by members
7. New Business
8. Next Meeting Date: July 2, 2019
9. Adjourn

NRGC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 7, 2019

1. Call to order: Dave Husebye called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Roll Call: In attendance were Keith Hoffmann, Dave Husebye, Valerie Stoehr. Bake Baker and Mark Have arrived late. Mayor Palmquist was in attendance representing the CC.
3. Approval of Agenda: Item 2 (Oath of Office) was removed as added in error. Valerie made a motion to accept the agenda, Keith seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.
4. Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2019 Meeting was deferred as Minutes were not available for review.
5. Old Business
 - A. Well testing for Nitrates for 2018 and prior. Ron Moore had forwarded to members of the committee a link to the Minnesota Department of Health link to information on wells <https://mnwellindex.web.health.state.mn.us>. This was discussed by the group and an effort to share this link with the residents will be made. The link will also be added to list of reference items for NRGC.
 - B. Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms. Information has been provided for Afton's residents in the Afton Newsletter. The City staff are collecting names. A final tally is not yet known (cutoff date 5/24). Volunteers will be at City Hall from 7:00 to 9:30 on June 11 and 18 for samples to be dropped off. Efforts will be made to obtain well data to be included in the data collected.
 - C. PFC update. Mayor Palmquist reviewed there are ongoing meetings, no decisions yet.
 - D. List of reference items for NRGC. Dave reported he had reached out to Council Member Wroblewski who had expressed some interest in the topic. He will add the above well information and will be working on this with Council Member Wroblewski and perhaps city staff as needed.
 - E. NRGC Management Organization updates
 - 1 Washington Conservation District—Dave reports no Minutes are available since 12/2018.
 - 2 South Washington County Watershed District—Bake, nothing to report.
 - 3 Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization—Dave reports he has not heard from Council Member Annie Perkins (a member of MSCWMO).
 - 4 Valley Branch Watershed District—Mark, nothing to report.
 - 5 Washington County Water Consortium—Keith reported to the Committee there was to be a Geology Atlas Workshop and Tour on May 1st, but this was delayed due to river flooding. The Workshop has been rescheduled for June 5th. Members have been encouraged to attend if possible.
 - 6 Citizen monitoring
 1. Valley Creek Water Clarity Sampling. A group has volunteered to collect data, and this work has begun. Of note, only backwater from the flooded St. Croix has been sampled to date. This data will be collected and forwarded at the end of the season to the MPCA as part of their Citizen Monitoring Program (Laurie Sovell)
 - F. Update on CC and PC Business—Mayor Palmquist noted the PC had reviewed Previous Pavers at their meeting. There was some discussion on this. The CC discussed a gun discharge ordinance, and noted there would be a public hearing on this. There was discussion of the interest of the Committee in reviewing the Natural Resource and Groundwater portions of Comprehensive Plans of nearby communities. Members expressed an interest in being involved.
6. New business
 - A. Algae monitoring on the St. Croix River. Dave had received an email from Ron Moore concerning a training session for potential volunteers. Dave had reached out to get more

information, but received no response. He will reach out and provide the committee members more information.

- B. Tour of the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Mayor Palmquist asked if there was interest (there was) and having this tied to a meeting was proposed. Since two members were to be traveling on the date of the next meeting, the members selected an alternative date to meet (June 11, 2019). Mayor Palmquist will see if a tour might be coordinated for that day.
- 7. Next Meeting Date June 11, 2019 at 5:30 (with possible Tour).
- 8. Adjourn. Keith moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Valerie seconded, and with a 5-0 approval, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Dave Husebye, acting as secretary.