



**Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) Meeting  
Tuesday, August 2, 2022  
5:00 PM**

**Note: Due to the Covid-19 Virus the August 2, 2022 NRGC meeting will be held remotely using the Zoom video conference application. Instructions for participating in the meeting remotely are provided below.**

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**Agenda**

1. Call to order
2. Roll call: Mark Have, David Husebye, Jack Kollmer and Kim Myhers
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of the June 14, 2022 Meeting
5. Old Business
  - A. Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms 2022
  - B. Perflourochemicals (PFC) update
  - C. List of reference items for NRGC
  - D. Wastewater Tour for Community
  - E. NRGC items for Afton's monthly newsletter
    - 1) Recycling update
    - 2) Water conservation
    - 3) Well testing
  - F. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- G. NREGC 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

- H. Citizen Monitoring
  - 1) Valley Creek Water Clarity Monitoring
  - 2) Algae Alert Network for St. Croix River Association

- I. Update on CC and PC Business - Mayor Palmquist

- J. Additional agenda items proposed by members

6. New Business

- A. Citizen Concerns

7. Next Meeting Date TBD: Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> or other

8. Adjourn

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- 1) Call to order: Chairperson David Husebye called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM
- 2) ROLL CALL: Mark Have, David Husebye, Kim Meyers. A quorum was present. The meeting was held virtually via ZOOM. ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Ron Morse was present to set up the meeting. Council member Stan Ross sitting in for Mayor Palmquist.
- 3) Approval of Agenda. Motion / Second by Husebye / Have to approve the agenda for the June 14, 2022 NRGC Meeting. The motion passed 3-0.
- 4) Approval of Minutes. Motion / Second by Meyers / Husebye to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 Meeting. The motion carried 3-0.
- 5) New Business
  - i) Well Testing for 2022. Well testing was suspended during the COVID pandemic, but discussion was undertaken to restart the process. Review of the most recent process for sampling from 2019 ensued. It was decided to sample for both Nitrates and coliforms. Collection on 2 consecutive Tuesday mornings in July (7/19 and 7/26) was agreed on (assuming the same schedule holds in the receiving lab at the Washington County Health Department). Collection times of 7:00-9:00 AM would allow for samples to be returned to the Health Department by their cutoff time (believed to be 10:30 AM). Given the potential for large numbers of people, it was felt an outdoor collection process was best (some 80-90 samples were submitted in 2019). Discussions of process were under taken. Contact with the Department of Health and City staff will take place with the placement of an announcement in the Afton Newsletter to go out in the July issue.
- 6) Old Business
  - i) NRGC Members and Officers for 2022. Mark indicated he will continue on the NRGC until the end of 2022. Dave agreed to stay on as Chair, and Kim will serve as Vice-Chair. The role of secretary will be rotated.
  - ii) Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms 2020 and earlier. Dave and Mark reviewed prior efforts and collections. Discussions of looking for data analysis with possible college students was reviewed. Council Member Ross asked if the data was available for the City and Residents. Discussion took place noting the data was forwarded to each individual household, but collected data was not. The County does have all the data.
  - iii) Perfluorochemicals (PFC) update. No new update.
  - iv) List of reference items for NRGC. No new update
  - v) Wastewater Tour for Community. Reviewed this was planned for 2020, but never took place. This might be possible for 2023, but will need to be considered and planned.
  - vi) NRGC items for Afton's monthly newsletter. This process was reviewed, but no actions were taken.
    - (1) Recycling update
    - (2) Water conservation

(3) Well testing

vii) Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). No new update.

viii) NRG Management Organization update. Assignments were made to continue to follow these meetings. It was noted people could go to meetings, but usually the Agendas and Minutes were reviewed.

(1) Washington Conservation District. Dave reported there were a number of projects ongoing for land restoration and preservation. He will continue to monitor.

(2) South Washington County Watershed District. No new update, Kim will follow going forward.

(3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization. Dave reported Councilmember Perkins had been on this committee. He will verify this.

(4) Valley Branch Watershed District. No new update.

(5) Washington County Water Consortium. Mark reported no new update, and will continue to monitor.

ix) Citizen Monitoring

(1) Valley Creek Water Clarity Monitoring. Mark reported he continues to do weekly monitoring.

(2) Algae Alert Network for St. Croix River Association. Dave reported this will continue again this year on an every other week basis.

x) Update on CC and PC Business. Councilmember Ross provided an update. He made note of a possible CUP for a nature / bike trail project on a lot along Valley Creek. He also noted there were several vineyard projects being considered.

xi) Additional agenda items. No new items.

7) Next Meeting Date: Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM

8) Adjourn. Motion / Second by Meyers / Have. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting ended at 6:36 PM.

Minutes submitted by David Husebye, acting as secretary.