

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

Note: The September 5, 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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Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll call: David Husebye, Susan Loomis, Kim Myhers, Jack Kollmer, Elissa Thompson, and Cody Kaye
3. Approval of Agenda for September 5, 2023 meeting and additional agenda items proposed by members.
4. Approval of Minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting.
5. Old Business
 - A. Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms
 - 1) Program for 2023 – Report David Husebye.
 - B. Kelles Creek update, - Report Jack Kollmer,
 - 1) VBWD/Barr Engineering meeting August 24, 2023
 - C. List of reference items for NRGC and educational resources for community.
 - 1) EAST METRO Water Resource Education Program – Adopted by City Council.

D. NRCG items for Afton's monthly newsletter

- 1) Well Testing Results for 2023 – David Husebye
- 2) Save our Bee's – Jack Kollmer
- 3) Tree planting/Arbor Day Foundation/ American Forests – TBD
- 4) Septic System maintenance.
- 5) Rain barrel's – Susan Loomis

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

F. NRCG Management Organization update

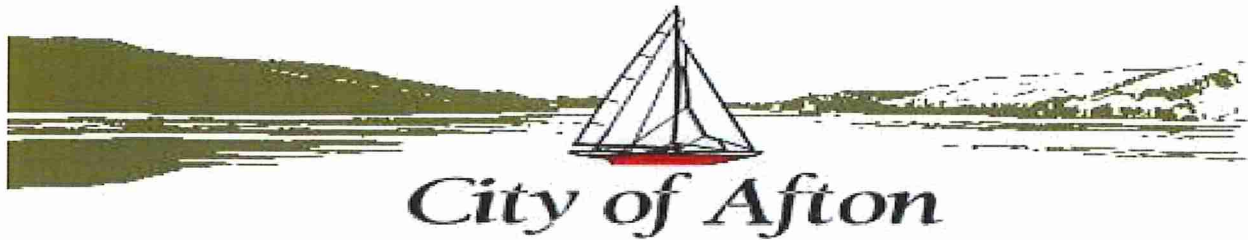
- 1) Washington Conservation District – Elissa Thompson
- 2) South Washington County Watershed District – Kim Myhers
- 3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization – Susan Loomis
- 4) Valley Branch Watershed District – Jack Kollmer
- 5) Washington County Water Consortium – David Husebye will report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

G. Update on CC and PC Business – Councilman Stan Ross

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

6. Next Meeting Date TBD: October 3, 2023

7. Adjourn



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Agenda

1. Call to order **5:07 by Jack Kollmer**
2. Roll call: David Husebye **Present**, Susan Loomis **Present**, Kim Myhers **absent until 6pm**, Jack Kollmer **present**, Elissa Thompson **present**, and Cody Kaye **absent**
3. Approval of Agenda for August 1, 2023 meeting and additional agenda items proposed by members. **Motion to approve David; 2nd Susan. Vote 4-0; Pass**
4. Approval of Minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting. **Motion to approve David; 2nd Susan. Vote 4-0; pass.**
5. Old Business
 - A. Well testing for Nitrates, Phosphates and coliforms
 - 1) Program for 2023 – Report David Husebye.
 - (a) **110 Participants**
 - (b) **David to write up summary notes for September newsletter.**
 - (c) **David to complete mapping for test results.**
 - (d) **More demand than testing kits; would like to increase tests for 2024 and increase budget.**
 - (e) **Updates to instructions; where to collect water from, collect from outside tap. David to have a post collection conversation with the county on process and collection.**
 - B. Perflourochemicals (PFC) update, - Report Jack Kollmer delayed until August 1st meeting

1) VBWD/Barr Engineering meeting April 12, 2023. MPCA presentation.

New testing procedures and test sites; Tamblyn Park in Lake Elmo. Jack completing outreach with landowners near his home to encourage testing. Valley Creek is positive for PFC's. West Lakeland has high percentage of homes with PFCs.

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.

Elissa to be the Liaison.

D. NRGC items for Afton's monthly newsletter

1) Well Testing Results for 2023 – David Husebye **September Newsletter**

2) Save our Bee's – Jack Kollmer **September newsletter**

3) Tree planting/Arbor Day Foundation/ American Forests – TBD- **WCD Tree sale information for November/December Newsletter.**

4) TBD

5) Rain barrel's – Susan Loomis

E. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) – City Council looking into grants. **Elissa to print or email information on small communities grant to Jack; Jack to attend the Council Meeting on August 15th to discuss.**

F. NRGC Management Organization update

1) Washington Conservation District – Elissa Thompson

(a) **CPL Grant for Afton Levee Restoration Project**

(b) **Look into potential small communities grant**

2) South Washington County Watershed District – Kim Myhers

3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization – Susan Loomis

(a) **Working on updates to the 10 year plan that will come out in 2025**

4) Valley Branch Watershed District – Jack Kollmer

(a) **Will be attending the next meeting a week from Thursday**

5) Washington County Water Consortium – David Husebye will report at the next meeting.

(a) **FMR Habitat Restoration project and Boone Lake; Next meeting tomorrow via Zoom.**

G. Update on CC and PC Business – Councilman Stan Ross

1) **Levee Planting Discussion**

2) **Planning Commission and uncapped wells information**

3) **CUP for Mosque; adding expansion.**

4) **Manning and 50th subdivision; 60 acres in ag area to be 4 lots**

5) **Industrial zone on frontage road; a few lots left. Discussing the No Go's**

6) **Comcast internet build out in 4 areas that were designated as underserved in 2017**

7) **Roads; repairs and maintenance bond from 2017. 4 roads left in Afton to renovate. Valley Creek, 50th, and 2 smaller ones.**

H. Additional agenda items proposed by members as New Business or future meeting agendas.
Newsletter listed as 6pm; need to be sure it is updated and corrected.

6. Next Meeting Date TBD: September 5, 2023. Motion to approve David, second Kim. Vote 5-0; Pass
7. Adjourn Motion to adjourn Kim, Second David. Vote 5- 0; pass