

**Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
5:00 PM**

**Note: The October 1, 2024 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, Elissa Thompson, Cody Kaye, Petra Brokken, Scott Hafner and Sven Risom
3. Approval of Agenda for October 1, 2024 meeting and additional agenda items proposed by members.
4. Approval of Minutes of the September 3, 2024 meeting.
5. Old Business
 - i) Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms
 - 1) Final report on data – Dave
 - 2) 2024 graphic data presentation issue
 - 3) Possible PFAS or other testing in future years
 - ii) NRGC items for Afton’s monthly newsletter
 - 1) Well Testing for 2024 – Final report for 2024 report in September, maps to follow in November
 - 2) Dark sky initiative – Petra for winter
 - 3) Invasive species, resources, inspectors

iii) Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) – Sven

iv) Invasive Species Topic – group

- 1) Invasive plant database
- 2) Noxious weed inspector

v) Met Council Metro Area Water Supply and Water Policy for Public Comment and Feedback

vi) NRG Management Organization update

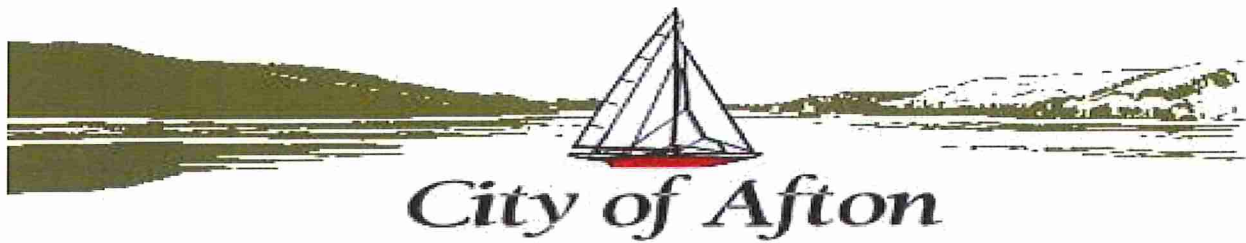
- 1) Washington Conservation District – Elissa
- 2) South Washington County Watershed District – Kim
- 3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization – Susan
- 4) Valley Branch Watershed District – Scott
- 5) Washington County Water Consortium – Dave

vii) Update on CC and PC Business

viii) Additional agenda items proposed by members

6. Next Meeting Date: November 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM

7. Adjourn



**Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) Meeting
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Agenda

1. Call to order: **Called to Order at 5:03 by David**
2. Roll call: David Husebye (**Present**), Susan Loomis (**Present**), Kim Myhers (**Excused**), Elissa Thompson (**Present**), Cody Kaye (**Excused**), Petra Brokken (**Present**), Scott Hafner (**Present**) and Sven Risom (**Present**)
3. Approval of Agenda for September 3, 2024 meeting and additional agenda items proposed by members. **Motion to approve by Sven; Second by Susan. Vote 6-0; motion passes**
4. Approval of Minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting. **Motion to approve by Sven; Second by Petra. Vote 6-0; motion passes**
5. Old Business
 - i) Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms for 2024
 - 1) Final report on data – Dave
 - 2) Graphic data presentation
 - (a) **Remove addresses from the maps. ¼ x ¼ base map.**
 - (b) **No map for Coliforms**
 - (c) **Add footnote to testing data with caveats**
 - (d) **Scott to investigate PFAS Testing for residents. Legends Services?**
 - ii) NRGC items for Afton's monthly newsletter
 - 1) Well Testing for 2024 – Dave Husebye for final 2024 report September, **maps Data** to follow in October

- 2) Dark sky initiative – Petra **To work on in the Winter**
- 3) Water/rain events **no update**

iii) Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) – Sven

Team at the WCD, completing a rough inventory analysis; will have it in the next month or so.

iv) Invasive Species Topic – group

- ~~1) Wild Parsnip~~
- 2) Petra recommended a pressed plant invasive database
- 3) Newsletter article on invasives and resources; Noxious weed inspector

v) NRG Management Organization update

- 1) Washington Conservation District – Elissa
 - (a) **Pollinator Pathways Grant- Sven to connect with Parks Committee**
 - (i) **Teaching planting- outside of city hall.**
 - (b) **Knotweed Treatment**
- 2) South Washington County Watershed District – Kim
 - (a) **Pollinator Pathways Grant for Schools**
- 3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization – Susan
 - (a) **No major updates**
- 4) Valley Branch Watershed District – Scott
 - (a) **No major updates; lots of permit transactions.**
- 5) Washington County Water Consortium – Dave
 - (a) **PFAS updates and RxBurn Consortium. Elissa/David to send agenda and info.**

v) Met Council Metro Area Water Supply Plan and Water Policy for Public Comment and Feedback

- 1) **Feedback during Oct Meeting; due Oct 8th.**

vi) Update on CC and PC Business

- 1) **None**

vii) Additional agenda items proposed by members

- 1) **November Meeting Date- Change to Nov 12th due to election. Elissa will be gone**

6. Next Meeting Date: October 1, 2024

- a) **Motion to adjourn Scott; Second David; Vote 6-0; Motion Passes.**

7. Adjourn **6:14 pm**

September 17, 2024 City Council Meeting Highlights*The Council:*

- Approved an ordinance extending the moratorium on short term home rental applications— Ordinance 10-2024.
- Denied a Conditional Use Permit application for a Nature Center Use at 15237 Afton Blvd S.
- Approved the 2025 Preliminary Budget & Tax Levy.
- Approved repairs to Mt. Hope Road.
- Approved 2025 solid waste disposal rates for Highland Sanitation.
- Reviewed the Parks Committee concept plan for the Town Square Park basketball court.