



**Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 3, 2019**  
**5:30 PM**  
**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 November 5, 2019 Meeting
5. Old Business
  - A. Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms 2019 and earlier
  - B. Perflourochemicals (PFC) update
  - C. List of reference items for NRGC
  - D. Citizen Monitoring
    - 1) Valley Creek Water Clarity Monitoring (completed for 2019)
    - 2) Algae Alert Network for St. Croix River Association (completed for 2019)
  - E. Wastewater Tour for Community Spring 2020
  - F. Budget request for Fiscal Year 2020 for Nitrates and coliform testing by NRGC for Afton
  - G. NRGC items for Afton's monthly newsletter
    - 1) Lawns to Legumes
    - 2) Recycling update
    - 3) Spotted wing drosophila
    - 4) Water conservation
  - H. NRGC Management Organization update
    - 1) Washington Conservation District - Dave
    - 2) South Washington County Watershed District - Bake
    - 3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization - Dave
    - 4) Valley Branch Watershed District - Mark
    - 5) Washington County Water Consortium - Keith
  - I. Update on CC and PC Business - Mayor Palmquist
  - J. Additional agenda items proposed by members
6. Next Meeting Dates to be determined: January 7, 2020, February 4, 2020, March 3, 2020.
7. Adjourn

- 1) Call to order. David Husebye called the meeting to order at 5:30.
- 2) Roll call: In attendance were Bake Baker (arrived late), Mark Have, Keith Hoffmann and David Husebye. Valerie Stoehr was an excused absence. Mayor Palmquist was in attendance representing the City Council.
- 3) Approval of Agenda. Mark made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Keith and the motion passed 3-0.
- 4) Approval of Minutes October 1, 2019. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Keith, and the motion passed 3-0-1 (Bake abstained as he was not at the meeting).
- 5) Old Business
  - i) Well testing for Nitrates and coliforms 2019 and earlier. Dave had reached out to the City, and more results from 2002 were found. These are earlier than the prior results so far collected (~2005). Dave will try to collate the data over the winter to present to the Committee.
  - ii) Perflourochemicals (PFC) update. Mayor Palmquist provided an update as he had met with the commissioners involved in the process. Findings to be released in December, 2019 with a comment period. There was discussion on the 1007 Project, and filters—whole house vs. smaller systems.
  - iii) List of reference items for NRG. Dave reported he had reached out to CC Member Wroblewski. Dave noted there are plans to work on this during the winter.
  - iv) Citizen Monitoring
    - (1) Valley Creek Water Clarity Monitoring (completed for 2019)
    - (2) Algae Alert Network for St. Croix River Association (completed for 2019)
  - v) Wastewater Tour for Community for Spring 2020. Logistics to be worked out in future meetings.
  - vi) Budget request for Fiscal Year 2020 for Nitrates and coliform testing by NRG for Afton. Mayor Palmquist reported a request had been made, the final approved amount not yet set. Mayor Palmquist noted the CC supports the testing process, and anticipates full support for water analysis in 2020.
  - vii) NRG items for Afton's monthly newsletter
    - (1) Item on Black swallowwart was done and submitted for 11/2019 by Val.
    - (2) Lawns to Legumes item to be done by Dave in future (more information being presented).
    - (3) Spotted wing drosophila has been reported in Afton. This was discussed and could be an item to be submitted in the future
    - (4) Recycling update was discussed, and an article will be prepared and submitted.
    - (5) Water conservation ideas was discussed and an article could be prepared.
  - viii) NRG Management Organization update
    - (1) Washington Conservation District—Dave reported no new updates.
    - (2) South Washington County Watershed District—Bake reported no new updates.
    - (3) Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization—Dave reported no updates from CC Member Perkins.
    - (4) Valley Branch Watershed District—Mark reported some mitigation funds had been awarded to an Afton resident and the time frame extended.
    - (5) Washington County Water Consortium—Keith reported on an upcoming Stormwater runoff workshop to be put on by Washington County. Keith reported a citizen workshop on water issues was to take place with water testing (nitrates and coliforms).
  - ix) Update on CC and PC Business—Mayor Palmquist provided an update. There was a leaking sewer pipe that is to be repaired / replaced. An update on the Afton Creek Preserve project was given noting several water ponds failed, one pond was to be reworked and retested. The Mayor noted a special meeting is to take place on 11/13/2019. There was some further discussion on the upcoming 3M Settlement.

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- x) Additional agenda items proposed by members. There were none.
- 6) Next Meeting Date December 3, 2019. Four committee members said they could be present, and a meeting will be scheduled.
- 7) Adjourn. Bake made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark, and the motion passed 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Husebye acting as secretary.