



City of Afton

Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) Meeting
Wednesday, January 2, 2019
4:00 PM

(Please Note Change in Both Day and Time of Meeting)

Agenda

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Roll call: Bake Baker, Mark Have, Keith Hoff, David Husebye, Jack Kollmer
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes December 4, 2018 Meeting
- 5) Business
 - i) NRGC Members and Officers
 - ii) Remote participation in meetings
 - iii) Well testing for Nitrates 2018 and prior
 - iv) Well testing 2019—coliforms and nitrates
 - v) Perflourochemicals (PFC) update
 - vi) List of reference items for NRGC
 - vii) 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
 - viii) Update on CC and PC Business—Council Member / Mayor Palmquist
 - ix) Additional agenda items proposed by members
- 6) Next meeting date listed February 5th, 2019
- 7) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
Monday November 5, 2018
5:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Dave Husebye called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** In attendance were Dave Husebye, Mark Have, and Keith Hoffmann. Bake Baker arrived at 5:10. Jack Kollmer was absent. Bill Palmquist was in attendance representing the City Council.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Keith made a motion to accept the agenda, Mark seconded, and the motion passed 3 to 0.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Keith made a motion to approve the 2 October 2018 minutes, Mark seconded, and they were approved 3 to 0.
5. **Business:**
 - A. **Well testing and sampling Valley Creek at Putnam:** Mark found out that MPCA had gotten a volunteer to sample at Putnam, but they also needed a volunteer to sample at a point downstream from Putnam. Mark volunteered to sample at the point downstream, which is in St. Marys Point. The sampling period is from April-September, and the sampling schedule is weekly. Dave and Keith volunteered to be backups.
 - B. **Well testing for nitrates 2018 and prior:** Keith said that he would discuss with Julie Yoho about analyzing the historical nitrate data that he has obtained; the historical period begins in 2005. It was indicated that Julie has experience with data analyses and might have some ideas about how to accomplish our analyses objectives.
 - C. **Well testing 2019 for coliform bacteria and nitrates:** The committee discussed analyzing for both coliform bacteria and nitrates in 2019. Mark suggested that we do them both at the same time, preferably in late June. We also discussed doing them separately. Keith will check with Stefanie at County Health about what is needed for collecting bacteria as well as nitrates. Further discussion will continue at our December meeting.
 - D. **Perflourochemicals (PFC's) update:** Bill Palmquist represented Afton on a newly formed committee comprised of government agencies and 3M. MPCA and MDH are leading the committee. A major purpose is to develop and rate criteria governing how set-aside monies for addressing the PFC problem should be spent. Bill made a pitch that all households in Afton get whole-house filter systems with a 10-year maintenance clause.
 - E. **Bee Action:** Jack wrote an article about bees that is in the October 2018 Afton Newsletter. The article addresses how people can help mitigate the declining bee population. There was no further discussion.
 - F. **List of reference items for NRG:** Dave didn't have some of the basic materials, such as references, that other committee members had. Steps were taken to amend Dave's problem.

- G. **NRGC management organization update:** Met Council had a presentation on heavy rain. Keith will try and get copies of the presentation. Private wells can be impacted during large storm events. The Minnesota Department of Health is working collaboratively to anticipate future impacts of floods on private wells and reduce public health risks.
 - H. **Update on City Council and Planning Commission business:** Bill Palmquist pointed out the need to update our inventory on plants. The initial study was done by Oliver and Emmons over 10 years ago. The appropriate protocol would be for the council to ask Oliver and Emmons for a proposal to update our botanical inventory.
6. Bake moved that the meeting be adjourned, Keith seconded, and with a 4 to 0 approval, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by Mark Have, acting secretary.

Guidance from the League of Minnesota Cities regarding meetings conducted by interactive television

(While this information refers specifically to City Council meetings, the requirements also apply to meetings of committees and commissions.)

A city council meeting may be conducted by interactive television if all four of the following requirements are met: Minn. Stat. § 13D.02. DPO 08-034.

- At least one councilmember is physically present at the regular meeting location.
- All councilmembers must be able to hear and see each other and all discussion and testimony presented at any location at which at least one councilmember is present. RELEVANT LINKS: League of Minnesota Cities Information Memo: 10/11/2018 Meetings of City Councils Page 6
- All members of the public at the regular meeting location must be able to hear and see all discussion, testimony, and votes of all councilmembers.
- Each location at which a councilmember is present must be open and accessible to the public.

If possible, a member of the public should be able to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. Minn. Stat. § 13D.02. Minn. Stat. § 13D.04.

If interactive television is used to conduct a regular, special, or emergency meeting, the public body shall provide notice of the regular meeting location and notice of any site where a member of the public body will be participating by interactive television. The timing and method of providing notice will depend on whether the meeting is a regular, special, or emergency meeting. Minn. Stat. § 13D.02, subd. 5.

The open meeting law does not define the term “interactive television.” Therefore, it is not clear what technology is authorized to be used under this authority. Although school boards have express authority to use “interactive technology with an audio and visual link” to conduct a meeting if all of the other requirements for interactive television are satisfied, city councils do not have similar authority. DPO 13-009. DPO 18-003. See Section II. for more information about the open meeting law. **However, the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Administration has advised that a city council meeting where a city councilmember participated through Skype, while physically present at a remote location outside Minnesota, complied with the statutory authority for conducting meetings through interactive television. After the meeting occurred, a newspaper article suggested that the meeting violated the open meeting law because the councilmember’s remote location was not accessible to the city’s residents. The advisory opinion noted that the meeting met each of the four requirements in the statute and reasoned that the “plain language of the statute does not forbid a member of a public body from ‘attending’ a public meeting at a location ‘open and accessible to the public’ outside of the entity’s geographic area, as long as all other conditions of the section are met.”**

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