

**MINUTES
PAYNESVILLE WELLHEAD COMMITTEE**

FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Ron Mergen chaired the meeting, due to the resignation of Allan Kuseske and the absence of Vice Chair John Vanderbeek. Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Members present were Bob Brauchler, Mary Kiebel, Dottie Kimbler, and Jay Thompson. Advisory Members present were Kay Cook, Jennifer Kaminskie, Dave Neiman, Jennifer Olson, and Carrie Raber.

Motion was made by Brauchler to approve the Consent Agenda and the Minutes of April 29, 2009 Wellhead Protection Committee Meeting. Seconded by and Jay Thompson and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations:

Chairperson, Bob Brauchler

Vice Chair, John Vanderbeek

Secretary, Dottie Kimbler

Motion made by Thompson to elect the following officers:

Chairperson, Bob Brauchler

Vice Chair, John Vanderbeek

Secretary, Dottie Kimbler

Seconded by Kiebel and unanimously carried.

BENZENE REPORT

Ron Mergen presented a letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency sent to Senator, Michelle Fischbach; Joel Fischer, Commerce Petrofund; Ron Mergen, City of Paynesville; and Paul Wiese, Terracon. The letter explained the complexity of the situation with City Well 4. Monies spent total about \$1.3 million, making the top 10 of approximately 17,000 projects worked on over the last 23 years. MPCA states it needs to make sure it's appropriate and cost-effective. The Committee's concerns are the time spent and still no results. If there is no improvement in this situation, the City may have to explore different avenues to keep the pressure on MPCA in getting this project completed.

MEETINGS

Meetings will continue to be held as needed.

2010 WATER FESTIVAL

Future Water Festivals changed from Friday to Wednesday, starting May 12, 2010. The schedule for the Water Festival was adjusted 10 minutes to accommodate the tour of the Water Treatment Plant. Bus arrival is at 9:10 - 9:20 a.m. and the buses will load at 2:25 - 2:40 p.m. Vegetation, Erosion Control, and Composting & Planting needs presenters. Kiebel will seek out instructors to present the topics. The task list will stay the same as previous years.

CENTRAL MINNESOTA WATER EDUCATION ALLIANCE

Publicity ideas are needed to keep the public aware of the importance of water quality. Raber and Mergen will work together on different ideas. To keep the CMWEA operating the Paynesville Wellhead Committee will contribute \$1,000.00 in dues. This will also support Raber and provide Paynesville Wellhead with important information.

Motion made by Thompson to approve the \$1,000.00 contribution in dues to the CMWEA and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Brauchler and unanimously carried.

GRANTS

Raber reported there is some funding for projects available. The Committee discussed projects, but no decision was made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.