

**MINUTES  
WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

Chairperson Bob Brauchler called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Members present were Ron Mergen, Mary Kiebel, Jay Thompson, Jeff Bertram, Jennifer Olson, and Dottie Kimbler. Advisory members present were Kay Cook, Carrie Raber, Dave Neiman, Josh Reed, Chuck DeWolf, and Karen Voz and Steve Robertson both from the Minnesota Department of Health.

**Motion made by Kiebel to approve the Consent Agenda and minutes from the February 3, 2010 Wellhead Protection Committee meeting. Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion made by Kiebel to keep the same officers:  
Chairperson, Bob Brauchler  
Vice Chair, John Vanderbeek  
Secretary, Dottie Kimbler  
Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried**

**MEETINGS**

Meetings will continue to be held on an as needed basis.

**PAYNESVILLE WELLHEAD 2011 WATER FESTIVAL**

The Water Festival will be held on Friday May 13, 2011. The Task List was reviewed and verified. The schedule will start at 8:30 a.m. with a tour of the Paynesville Water Treatment Plant and then proceed to the Water Festival at 9:10 am. Peter Jacobson will notify Mergen of names of new presenters for Vegetation, Erosion Control, and Composting & Planting; the other sessions will stay the same. Mergen will contact vendors for donations for the festival.

**WELLHEAD GRANT**

The City has received a grant for \$5,000.00 for a well survey. A Sub-committee was formed of Neiman, Voz, Robertson, Raber, Cook, and Mergen to address sand-point wells within the DWSMA. The Township would be contacted on those outside the DWSMA. Discussion was held on how to communicate with the public. The meeting on January 13, 2011 was also addressed. Neiman, Voz, and Robertson will check on how to handle the legal part of the \$5,000.00. It was questioned if part of the money could be used for 50/50 funding on sealing of wells.

The grant for \$3,000.00, to be used in 2011 and 2012 is for the Water Festival. Raber reported on the Science Museum and the classes they conduct at the schools on Groundwater; grades 3-6. Kiebler will get in contact with the Science Museum to set up dates in 2011 and 2012. Purchasing new equipment for the Water Festival as discussed and Thompson will help with purchasing Tee Shirts.

## **MID TOWN SERVICE STATION CLEAN UP**

An update was given on the Midtown Gas Station benzene contamination. The PCA will conduct a pilot project starting in April through August of 2011. They would dewater the well, insert pipes in numerous areas, force air through the pipes; vaporizing the gas bringing it to the surface, and dispensing it into the air. This process is not harmful.

PCA will present this to the City Council on February 9, 2011 at the Paynesville Fire Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.