

**MINUTES
WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Ron Mergen at 4:00 pm. Members present were, Bill Virant, Jay Thompson, Chris Lundeen (NFCRWD) and Jeff Sawatzky. John VanderBeek and Bob Brauchler were absent. Advisory members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; Chuck DeWolf, City Engineer with Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Karen Voss, MN Department of Health; and Dave Neiman, MN Rural Water.

Motion made by Sawatzky to approve the Consent Agenda and minutes from the February 21, 2018 Wellhead Protection Committee meeting. Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion made by Sawatzky to elect the following officers:

Chairperson – Neil Herzberg

Vice Chair – Bob Brauchler

Secretary – Ron Mergen

Seconded by Virant and unanimously carried

MEETINGS

Motion was made by Virant to continue to meet on an as needed basis at 4:00 p.m. Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried.

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Feb 20th 2020**

Secretary Mergen called to the meeting at 4:00 pm. Members present were, Bill Virant, Jay Thompson, Chris Lundeen (NFCRWD) and Colin Wolf. Advisory members present were Ron Mergen, Chuck DeWolf, Katie Breth MRWA, Wayne Cymbaluk, Tracey Peepenburg Science Teacher, Addison Souther-kelly and Faire Juma, Students

Motion made by Virant to approve the Consent Agenda and minutes from the Feb 12st 19 Wellhead Protection Committee meeting. Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion made by Wolf to elect the following officers:

Chairperson, Herzberg

Vice Chair, Brauchler

Secretary, Mergen
Seconded by Virant and unanimously carried

MEETINGS

There was a motion by Virant, second by Thompson to meet as needed basis at 4:00 PM motion passed.

PAYNESVILLE WELLHEAD 2019 WATER FESTIVAL

The Water Festival will be held on Friday May 3, 2019. The Task List was reviewed and event date verified. Location and presenters have all been confirmed and the trees have been ordered. It was noted that the video from the event needs to be played and also given to the school. Koronis Lake Association will provide water bottles and will utilize the t-shirt logo on them. Sawatzky will work on providing the logo. The schedule will start at 8:30 a.m. with a tour of the Paynesville Wastewater Treatment Facility and the sessions are as follows:

SESSION A. *Fabulous Fish & Lake Management*

Fisheries/Lake Management Lake Predator & Prey
Instructor: Dave Coahran, MN DNR

SESSION B. *Water Cycle*

Incredible Journey
Instructors: National Honor Society

SESSION C. *Is Your Dihydrogen Monoxide Safe?*

Water Chemistry Activities
Instructor: Jay Thompson & Students

SESSION D. *Groovy Groundwater & Pollution/Flush It Down*

Groundwater Model – Enviroscope/Erosion Control
Instructors: NFCRSWD

SESSION E. *AQUATIC Vegetation and Invasive Species*

Aquatic Invader
Instructors: Koronis Lake Association

SESSION F. *Incredible Invertebrates*

Macro Invertebrate Identification
Instructor: Bill Virant

SESSION G. *Shoreland & Wetland Adventures*

Wetland Plant Identification/Bog Walk
Instructors: Stearns County SWCD

There was some discussion on the budget as donations from the sponsors will cover most of the costs.

Motion was made by Virant to set the Water Festival for May 3, 2019 with a budget of \$750.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried.

WELLHEAD PLAN APPROVAL & IMPLEMENTATION

It was reported that the new plan has been approved and the DWSMA is considerably smaller than the original. It was questioned why. It was stated this it is due to better technology and Well No. 3 has been taken off line and sealed. Staff is also working on a grant application for:

1. Well depth transducers
2. Well sealing
3. A wellhead newsletter
4. Support for the Water Festival

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

PAYNESVILLE WELLHEAD 2020 WATER FESTIVAL

The Water Festival will be held on Friday May 8th 2020 The Task List was reviewed and verified the date, location and presenters have all been confirmed. It was noted the video from the event need to be played and given to the school. It was also noted the Koronis Lake Association will provide water bottles and will utilize the Tee shirt Logo, Wolf noted he is nearly completed with the water section in his class is will work on providing the logo, and will try to have the logo complete by April 10th, this will allow time for the KLA to print the logo on the water bottles. The schedule will start at 8:30 a.m. with a tour of the Paynesville Waste treatment facility and the session as follows

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Souther-Kelly and Juma noted they would assist on this section and present a demonstration on water conservation.

SESSION D. *Groovy Groundwater & Pollution /Flush It Down*

Groundwater Model – Enviroscape / Erosion Control

Instructors: NFCRSWD

SESSION E. AQUATIC *Vegetation and evasive species*

Aquatic Invader

Instructors: Koronis Lake Association

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Wetland Plant Identification / Bog Walk

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Members discussed

Trees have not been ordered at this time and we may not be able to obtain them at this time.

Take home informational packet, it was suggested to go to electronic packet instead of the paper, Wolf, Breth and Mergen will work on this.

Update on a grant

5. Well depth transducers, completed
6. Wellhead newsletter, In progress
7. Support for the water festival
 - Science museum, Wolf noted it went very well, but they should change the program, as it was the same as the one two years previous.
 - Water festival scheduled for May 8.

Tracey Piepenburg was present and was requesting assistance in acquiring five hawk water analysis kits. The cost of each is \$3,000.00 for a total of \$15,000.00

Piepenburg explained how he engaged his students at a previous site where student went out, monitored sites, identified pollution, and solved some erosion issues. The goal would be to duplicate the program around Lake Koronis, NFCR and Rice Lake. With only 1 unit and 25 students, not everyone is involved it takes one unit per five students.

Several funding options were discussed

- DNR Grant, Breth will look into this option, Cymbaluk noted Stearns county SWCD could sponsor this request.
- Source water protection grant, it was noted this would be a long shot being it for surface water and not ground water.
- KLA, Lions Club

Members all agreed this is a great program and support it strongly, it was noted we need to go through the grant option first as some grant you can't purchase anything prior to accepting the grant.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10