

**MINUTES
WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Vice Chairperson, Bob Brauchler called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Members present were Jay Thompson, Chris Lundeen, and Jeff Sawatsky. Mary Kiebel was absent. Advisory members present were Dave Neiman, MN Rural Water; Chessa Frahn, SWCD; Bill Virant, and Ron Mergen, Public Works Director.

Motion made by Thompson to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2015 Wellhead Protection Committee meeting. Seconded by Sawatsky and unanimously carried.

NEW MEMBER

Bill Virant volunteered to be a member on the Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion made by Sawatsky to elect the following officers:

Chairperson - Herzberg

Vice Chair - Brauchler

Secretary - Mergen

Seconded by Brauchler and unanimously carried.

MEETINGS

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

PAYNESVILLE WELLHEAD 2016 WATER FESTIVAL

The Water Festival will be held on Friday, May 13th. 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. Members reviewed each session and the presenter. Thompson and Virant introduced Aquatic Invaders and that the KLA will present this instead of the Erosion Control. It was noted that Lundeen would incorporate part of the erosion into his presentation. Mergen will contact vendors for donations for the festival. The budget was also reviewed.

Motion was made by Sawatsky to approve the Water Festival program and budget and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Brauchler and unanimously carried.

RAIN BARREL SALES

Mergen presented the information on the rain barrel sales. The Watershed District will also run the same ads. The CROW will be here to distribute the barrels; they are 55 gallon barrels selling for \$55.00.

MPCA MIDTOWN GAS UPDATE

It was reported that the City has received \$2.5 million dollars from the State Legislature to construct a Pac tower to remove the VOC (benzene contamination). The City is currently running the pilot study which is a miniature version of what the Pac tower will be.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.