

**MINUTES  
WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

Chairperson, Neil Herzberg called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Members present were Bob Brauchler, Jay Thompson, Jeff Sawatsky, and Bill Virant. Advisory members present were Chuck DeWolf, City Engineer and Ron Mergen, Public Works Director. Absent were Chris Lundeen, John VanderBeek, Dave Neiman, Karen Voz; and Katie Breth, SWCD.

**Motion was made by Sawatsky to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2017 Wellhead Protection Committee meeting. Seconded by Brauchler and unanimously carried.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion was made by Sawatsky to elect the following officers:  
Chairperson - Herzberg  
Vice Chair - Brauchler  
Secretary - Mergen  
Seconded by Virant and unanimously carried.**

**MEETINGS**

**Motion was made by Virant to meet on an as needed basis at 4:30 p.m. Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried.**

**PAYNESVILLE WELLHEAD 2018 WATER FESTIVAL**

The Water Festival will be held on Friday, May 4, 2018. The task list was reviewed. The date, location, and presenters have all been confirmed. Trees have been ordered. Breth agreed to work with Mergen in reviewing the packet of information. It was also noted the Koronis Lake Association will provide water bottles and will utilize the t-shirt logo. Sawatsky will work on providing the logo. The schedule will start at 8:30 a.m. with a tour of the wastewater treatment facility and then the following sessions.

- SESSION A. *Fabulous Fish & Lake Management***  
Fisheries/Lake Management Lake Predator and 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 & Invasive Species***

Aquatic Invader

Instructors: Koronis Lake Association

**SESSION F. *Incredible Invertebrates***

Macro Invertebrate Identification

Instructor: Bill Virant

**SESSION G. *Shore Land & Wetland Adventures***

Wetland Plant Identification / Bog Walk

Instructors: Stearns County SWCD

**IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

It was noted there are several wells to be sealed this spring. The grant can then be closed and another one can be applied for. The items in the last grant were the Water Festival, Science Museum visit, public education, and well sealing.

**VOC PLANT REPORT**

Members were informed that the VOC Plant has been online since June and is operating very well. The process of operation was explained with the water flowing over the media and blowers forcing the air upward stripping the VOC's from the water molecules.

**WELLHEAD PLAN RENEWAL**

DeWolf explained the DWSMA map has changed due to newer technology and the removal of Well #3; most of the northern portion has been removed. It was also noted that if City wants to apply for any future grants the City will need to identify it in the plan. Thompson noted the need for a hach kit and PH meter.

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