

**PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND
PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2 , COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, January 10, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GCAC) MEMBERS LISTING:

MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance	MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance
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Alban	VACANT		Plover	Barb Feltz	Present
Almond	Edward Burns	Present	Plover Alternate	Nancy Lila	Excused
Amherst	Mike Burress	Absent	Sharon	Casey Jakubek	Absent
Belmont	Rita Walkowicz	Present	Stockton	Richard Filtz	Present
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STAFF PRESENT: Ray Schmidt, Jeff Schuler – Director, Sarah Wallace – Associate Planner, and Jamie Phillis, Planning and Zoning Department.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Piesik, Leif Erickson, Barry Jacowski, Stan Potocki, and Marion ‘Bud’ Flood.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Dawson, Ken Schroeder and Nathan Sandwick – University Extension (UWEX), and Patty Dreier – County Executive.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Burns.

2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2012: Motion by Walker to approve the minutes, second by McKee. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: Schmidt stated at the last meeting a member mentioned the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) putting restrictions on pumping of newly permitted wells in 2012. Schmidt spoke with Larry Lynch, DNR, who stated the only restrictions being placed on any of the high capacity well (HCW) approvals were in areas near streams, lakes, and wetlands. The applications submitted by well drillers have otherwise been approved as they have been submitted. There have been 200 HCW applications submitted in 2013 for the entire State, which is considerably above last year. Jacowski asked how many of those were replacement HCW. Schmidt was unsure, but it is being tracked.

4. BURNS READ THE PUBLIC NOTICE: Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert’s Rules of Order.

No one registered to speak.

5. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE PROCESS FOR INTEGRATION WITH OTHER COUNTY PLANS

Schuler stated the intent of this joint meeting between the Planning & Zoning Committee (P&Z) and the Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC) is to function as a kick-off for the next year of planning. Time has come for update of the Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP). There is a 2004 GWMP and a 2006 Portage County Comprehensive Plan and the two need to be more closely associated with each other. In the next year there will be a chance to understand why information was included in the 2004 GWMP, how it identifies issues, and conclusions recommended toward establishing County policy. There is an ongoing assessment of groundwater quality and quantity. It would be beneficial for the Committees to introduce themselves to each other. Introductions were made.

Schuler stated it is going to be a year of complementary projects, such as update of the GWMP and Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP). There are many water use and resource use issues with farmland that overlap with the GWMP. Common issues will be taken to several plans, such as groundwater quantity and quality, and also to a wide audience for feedback. There will be smaller groups of people working on technical aspects, the larger committees will discuss what was done by technical committees, and make a decision to move the plan forward. P&Z has an existing Comprehensive Plan they need to update and the idea is to have the GWMP placed directly into this main policy document. It will be more a part of what the State asks the County to plan for. He would like GCAC to meet monthly until spring, before the ag community gets busy.

McKee asked the composition of the technical committee. Schmidt replied some of the members are here tonight: Joel Lemke – GCAC member, Mark Dawson – environmental consultant from Sand Creek Consultants, Nathan Sandwick – UWEX, Paul McGinley – GCAC member, and Ken Schroeder – UWEX Ag Agent. There will also be someone from the Health Department, George Kraft, Steve Janowiak – DNR Private Water Specialist, and Steve Bradley – Portage County Conservationist. Schuler stated this technical group was put together based on a vote GCAC took to go ahead with the committee. Staff will work closely with the technical group to put sections of the document together in a recognizable form and bring it to GCAC for review and comments. Burns asked what sort of lead time will there be for review. Schuler replied typical lead time is generally a week before the meeting, but if people need more time we can try, it just compresses time for the technical committee to meet in between. Burns stated let's start with a week and see how it goes.

Schuler stated there will be a pre-meeting with the technical committee to see what their availability is. Schmidt stated GCAC usually meets on the first Thursday of the month, but thought they should meet the second Thursday for February and asked availability of GCAC members. Jacowski asked if just the next meeting will be changed to the second Thursday. Schuler replied yes, but the final decision for the March meeting date can be made at the next meeting. GCAC will work through the GWMP in its entirety and staff will bring sections of it to P&Z to keep them posted on the progress. GCAC will organize it in full for approval by P&Z. McKee asked if GCAC will be notified of technical meetings. Schuler replied yes. Jacowski would like P&Z to be notified as well.

Dreier asked what other steps will be taken in the process before it becomes an adopted plan. Schuler replied in three steps it is GCAC creating the document, referring it to P&Z for review and public hearing, and then P&Z recommends it to County Board for discussion and adoption. Wider citizen participation will come in for the overlap of projects; all of these plans relate to each other and we have never taken the steps to bring them all together into the Comprehensive Plan. It is a great opportunity for people to understand the different plans.

McKee asked if there was a deadline for the Comprehensive Plan to be updated. Schuler replied no. FPP has to be updated by the end of the year, but we were able to get an extension because we are working on multiple plans. Piesik asked if when this is done there will be a GWMP and an update to the Comprehensive Plan. Schuler replied yes. GWMP will be a part of the Comprehensive Plan, but will still fulfill its own function. Wallace stated the idea is the Comprehensive Plan will be formatted so the GWMP and FPP can be pulled out as working documents, but written as one cohesive County Comprehensive Plan. FPP and GWMP will be components under Chapter 5, which is Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources. Piesik stated it is going to be a challenge.

Schmidt stated recommendations and goals from the 2004 GWMP were sent to the committees. McKee asked if recommendations will be revised. Schmidt replied recommendations can be revised; it will be up to the technical committee and GCAC. Schuler stated start with the validation of the existing plan and analyze it. Any planning process has three steps; background that describes the topic, conclusions and issues, and goals or strategies.

Dreier stated if you could say there was one theme in Portage County for 2013, it happens to be planning. While all of these plans are being updated, we are doing strategic planning as a County government. When you add all the pieces together we will be positioned in a better place a few months from now to have a sense of direction. She thanked everyone in advance for all of the work they are about to do for the betterment of our community.

Schmidt stated we need to keep the process moving forward. If some GCAC members are unable to attend, we feel it is appropriate for any votes that go forward to be done by a majority of those in attendance. Burns stated we will try to keep meetings shorter. Schuler stated staff can send a memo along with meeting packets to explain what is different between the existing plan and what has been done to create new text. Burns asked what the outline consists of. Schuler replied the plan is to start with the first four sections of the GWMP. We will look at how the chapters are going to come together. Burns thought a list of upcoming GWMP section reviews may spur more involvement.

6. MEMBERS REPORTS

None.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Conference Room to be determined.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Copes, second by Walker to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Jamie Phillis, Recording Secretary

Ed Burns, Chair

Date

**PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, February 14, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**

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STAFF PRESENT: Ray Schmidt, Jeff Schuler – Director, and Jamie Phillis, Planning and Zoning Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim and Barb Gifford, and Nathan Sandwick – University Extension (UWEX).

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Burns.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Burns introduced George Guyant, Town of New Hope representative. Guyant stated he has always been interested in local government, serving two years on the County Board in the 1970's. He is president of the Izaak Walton League in the State of Wisconsin. Burns introduced Dave Hansen, Town of Eau Pleine representative. Hansen stated he manages DuBay Cranberry Company and graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (UWSP) in 1985 with a degree in Soil Science. Prior to the cranberry company he was a manager for a potato company near Coloma for 10 years.

3. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2013: Motion by Hinrichs to approve the minutes, second by Zimmerman. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. CORRESPONDENCE: Burns provided the Committee with a handout regarding an educational meeting between UWEX and Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association (WPVGA). WPVGA is working on the Groundwater Task Force. It references evapotranspiration (ET) values. One of their projects is Long Lake in Waushara County and a groundwater assessment on how it affects lake levels. Schuler asked who a contact person is for WPVGA. Burns replied Jeremie Pavelski is the lead or Nick Somers. Turzinski stated the WPVGA website has a link to the Groundwater Task Force. Schmidt stated staff will email the link to the Committee. Feltz stated because of the Task Force, in December a gentleman from UW – Madison installed two groundwater measuring devices; one in front of her home and the other on the corner of Black Oak and Kennedy Avenue. Wells were located there for different studies and a monitoring device was placed in them with a solar panel that sends data to him. A gentleman from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) was out to check whether it was feasible to replace the weir on which the monitoring device for the Little Plover River (LPR) sits on.

Schmidt provided the Committee with more copies of the Friends of LPR newsletter.

Burns stated Schmidt had sent an email earlier this afternoon regarding Wisconsin water use from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Portage County was listed as number one for groundwater pumping. Schmidt found the seasonal variation in pumping for agricultural irrigation interesting, which is a several month period. Cranberries actually need pumping later in the fall and all other pumping rises and falls.

5. BURNS READ THE PUBLIC NOTICE: Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

No one registered to speak.

6. UPDATE: GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS AND CHANGES TO PLAN FORMAT

Schuler stated the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has met a few times and would like feedback from GCAC on the draft so far. The Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) was rearranged to fit into the Comprehensive Plan. Language from the 2004 GWMP was moved around to a different order to tell the story of groundwater. It starts with history, recap of how the plan was done in the past, how groundwater is used on a daily basis (in general terms), basic description of groundwater, quantity and quality, then impacts to the resource, and conclusions along with policies for recommendation. Burns stated TAC is only up to the Groundwater Quantity section. Schuler stated the first several pages set the background. TAC will pick up again at uses and users of the water, as well as quantity and quality. Schmidt stated that GCAC views what TAC accomplishes as very important.

Zimmerman suggested including lot sizing examples in the GWMP. Schmidt stated more detail will be included in the Plan. Portage County set a two acre minimum lot size for lots with septic systems and wells. A family of four can put enough nitrogen in their septic system to contaminate all water under the two acre lot to the nitrate standard of 10 parts per million (ppm). The idea behind lot sizing was to uniformly distribute things into the groundwater. A subdivision with half acre lots may not have issues throughout, but may have issues in plumes downgradient from septic systems. We now have a better groundwater flow map. McKee asked how important lot size is, in terms of groundwater pollution from septic systems. Schmidt replied lot size is very important. Feltz thought Zimmerman was suggesting to have all information in the Plan backed up with scientific data or evidence. Zimmerman stated keep it local, with local examples. Schmidt stated it is strictly based on the science of groundwater. Each municipality has drafted their own Comprehensive Plan and some want bigger lot sizes. Mallek stated it is a lot easier to find water on a two acre lot in sand than it is to find water on a two acre lot in clay, but it is also harder to pollute it on clay sites. There are many other issues that factor into lot sizing.

Mallek stated there is data on pages 13 and 14 regarding pesticides from 1997, which repeats on pages 23 and 24. Schmidt stated it is intended to be repeated, but those last pages are meant to go into an appendix. Schuler stated everything will be as updated as possible as we go through the document. Mallek stated on page 17 it references one petroleum product pipeline in Portage County, there are in fact two pipelines now coming into the refinery. Burns stated TAC is only up to page 7.

Feltz feels the new GWMP flows better than the old one. In the Groundwater Uses and Demands section on page 5, there is a gallon quantity listed under rural and urban uses, but not under agricultural uses. If a quantity is going to be mentioned, it should be consistent and mentioned for all uses.

Schuler asked if GCAC had any questions or concerns on the new information under the Authority Section on page 1. TAC felt it was important to relate groundwater back to the public trust doctrine. Language was taken from the Wisconsin Constitution. Schmidt stated reference to the Lake Beulah/Wisconsin Supreme Court decision was added. We want the Plan to tell the story of groundwater in Portage County, how it is used, what it is, and what we can do with it. Schuler stated we want to find the best way to concisely tell the story, so when someone reads the document they understand why it is being written and what they need to know about groundwater; also to see why the suggestions were made to approach the concerns.

Zimmerman asked if it would be proper to include more examples, not just laws on what we want to do, but what has happened (spills, for example). Schmidt replied he is not sure those statistics are collected. Locally we deal with the problems and move on. Schuler stated there is not going to be a concern if there is not a specific issue.

TAC will have to research and produce some of that information to say why we have identified certain things as concerns. We will make a note of it for TAC and bring it back to GCAC.

Burns stated one issue of putting too much history in the Comprehensive Plan, it may detract from what we are trying to accomplish. Kiedrowski suggested an annual report from GCAC. Burns thought the report could be given to new members for background information. Feltz thought members could use the report for township annual meetings.

Hinrichs thought Section C on pages 6 and 7 was confusing. Schmidt asked if there should be a map included. Hinrichs was unsure if this was the place to list the soil types and their effects. Schuler stated TAC will look at Section C to make it more concise.

Turzinski thought some of the information on soil characteristics should be up front. Schmidt suggested putting it in a sidebar. Burns suggested three sidebars describing the different soil types.

McKee asked if these revisions will come back to GCAC. Schuler replied these comments will go to TAC with the new draft. GCAC will get TAC's next draft with these comments incorporated for the next GCAC meeting.

Hinrichs suggested describing the aquifer as a surface recharging aquifer. Burns asked where it should go; in the introduction? Hinrichs thought a sidebar by aquifers. The graph on page 9 has irrigation and agricultural history, and asked if agricultural is referring to processing. Schuler replied it needs a definition. Turzinski stated irrigation and agricultural are separate because dairy farms use water year round and irrigation is only used in the crop growing season. Schuler stated we will find a better way to make it clearer.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

Fritsch asked when the next TAC meeting is. Schmidt replied February 19th, but it may be moved to the 26th. If we have TAC meetings February 26th and March 5th, what would be a good meeting date for GCAC? We need some lag time to get information ready for mailing. Schuler asked if GCAC can meet on March 14th. If TAC has two weeks to meet twice, then GCAC will have some good information to review.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Conference Room to be determined.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Burns adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Jamie Phillis, Recording Secretary

Ed Burns, Chair

Date

**PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, August 1, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GCAC) MEMBERS LISTING:

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STAFF PRESENT: Ray Schmidt, Jeff Schuler – Director, and Jamie Phillis, Planning and Zoning Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Schwab, Joan Scheider – Town of Plover Clerk, Ken Schroeder – University Extension (UWEX), Barry Jacowski – County Board of Supervisors District 23.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Edward Burns, Chair.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Burns introduced Dan McFarlane, Village of Park Ridge representative. McFarlane stated he works half-time at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (UWSP) Center for Land Use Education and half-time for Waupaca County Land and Water Conservation Department.

3. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2013: Motion by Walker to approve the minutes, second by Guyant. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

5. BURNS READ THE PUBLIC NOTICE: Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

No one registered to speak.

6. UPDATE: GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS

Schmidt stated the Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) started out fast and then slowed down. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has not met since early May. Meetings with TAC will pick up probably in August and will start getting information back to GCAC.

7. REVIEW OF CENTRAL SANDS RESEARCH – CURRENT / ONGOING AND HISTORICAL

Schmidt provided the Committee with a handout of the projects and stated there is almost 60 years of groundwater research in Portage County and the Central Sands. He went through the handout.

Schmidt asked Schroeder if he had additional information on any of the projects. Schroeder replied the study on cropping usage has been using infrared mapping to look at what crops have been growing in what areas. This will help give a better understanding of cropping systems that have been going on and look at changes over the years, such as more of one crop versus another and the effect that has on groundwater levels. McFarlane stated every year satellites are collecting images and have the capability of looking at different spectral signatures. They are looking at cropping patterns to map and measure rotations. When there are drought conditions and stressed vegetation it is a little more challenging. Schroeder stated time is needed to look at the information and cropping rotation trends to see if things have changed or if they are related to groundwater issues.

Isherwood stated they are having lysimeters put in the edges of their fields. They will be measuring how much irrigation and/or rain water gets through and what the crop uses.

Schmidt stated studies that took place after 1981 are available on the UWSP Center for Watershed Science website. The earlier studies are only in hard copy, which Schmidt has. Feltz stated some of the studies regarding the Little Plover River (LPR) are on the Friends of LPR website (littleploverriver.org).

8. NEW STREAM FLOW AND LAKE LEVEL MONITORING PROJECT

Schmidt provided the Committee with a map. The red dots with crosses are spots where UWSP staff has been checking stream flows on a monthly basis. There are three sites on the LPR; Kennedy Avenue, Eisenhower Avenue, and Hoover Avenue. There are a few streams in the northern part of the County that flow to the Wisconsin River. In the southwestern part of the County, a few sites will be drainage ditches and trout streams that do have variability of flow. If the flow in a certain spot is not changing, then it is not giving a representative picture of what is there. The sites have been approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

McFarlane stated Waupaca County has several volunteers. The County trains and provides equipment for them. They are looking for base flow, so it is best not to go out after a storm event. This is a way to collect a lot of data over the counties that DNR can work with. Schmidt stated he could invite someone from the DNR or UWSP to discuss results of what has been done.

9. HIGH CAPACITY WELL PUMPAGE – 2011 VS. 2012

Schmidt provided the Committee with a handout and stated he does not have the graph for 2012. In 2011 Portage County had 21.3 billion gallons of pumping usage for high capacity wells (HCW) and in 2012 the overall number was 41 billion gallons, almost twice as much. This is based on actual pumping reported by HCW users. Schmidt will try to bring back the 2012 graph at the next meeting.

10. PROPOSED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT – POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY IMPACTS

Schmidt stated the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Committee has had a presentation from our Department on the Planned Development (PD) District within the Zoning Ordinance. One type of development that may be allowed under this new district would be a condominium near a lake. It would be residential, but at a much higher density than single family. There would be extensive review of plans before becoming an approved project. This particular PD Zoning District would only be available if the town adopted use of the district. A higher density development will likely have some groundwater quantity impacts in certain areas. Since the density of development is higher on a smaller area, there may be difficulties with getting the necessary size wastewater treatment system; meeting setbacks could be an issue. Higher density development often has stormwater impacts with more impervious surfaces and water run-off, whether it is roofs or parking lots. The quantity and quality issues will be reviewed during the application process before any project is approved.

Filtz asked if this opens up the possibility for any type of business. Schuler replied the uses are meant to be flexible. The County Executive approached our Department to find a solution for different ways to live in a rural setting. Staff has been researching how different areas are accomplishing this and how it might work here. Natural Resource protection is still the most important part. The idea was to make it so people can live on it and enjoy it, but to respect the natural resources in a rural setting. Septic system requirements are an important aspect to consider for these situations. For shoreland properties there is a minimum setback from the water. Staff is trying to make as many protections as possible and to see if there is any value from a development standpoint. All sections of the Department were involved in drafting the PD language.

Jacowski stated the P&Z Committee is very excited about this new district. People need to understand that not every town will choose to utilize this district, but it will be available to them. Projects will be approved on a case-by-case basis. The town has to approve of the project. He feels it will allow people to develop in the County where they were not able to previously. Staff has done a wonderful job to create this district. Schuler stated some people do not want to take care of a lot of land, but want to live in the country. Staff also had to think of the economic value to the towns. Staff held an informational meeting with municipalities on July 30th, but we are still soliciting feedback from the towns. Jacowski stated the developer has to first come to the town with a rough drawing or preliminary plan, then to staff. After staff has reviewed the plan to see if it is a project that will work in that specific area, then staff will work with the developer to come up with a final plan. It will not be forced upon the town. Schuler stated there are many approvals that are part of the process. The plan will go through the town, P&Z Committee, and adopted by the County Board for the rezoning, then the final plan will go back to the town and P&Z Committee for approval.

11. POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF STATE BUDGET BILL BAN ON LAWSUITS THAT WOULD CHALLENGE DNR APPROVALS OF HIGH CAPACITY WELLS

Schmidt stated in the State budget bill an amendment was introduced to prevent any lawsuits that would challenge DNR approvals of HCW and facilities that would use those wells. It was passed in the State budget and will go into effect one year from now, July 2014. After that date, once the DNR approves a HCW, that project moves forward. Possible conflicts could arise in Portage County between owners of HCW, municipalities, and people who want to install additional HCW. It may change the way projects are reviewed. How this fits in with the DNR permitting program for operation of HCW is another issue. They have been able to change pumping levels of HCW, but will they still be able to after this takes effect. Hopefully there will be some guidance regarding the issue.

12. CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE: SUGGESTED GROUNDWATER SAMPLING AND MONITORING GUIDELINES FOR PESTICIDES

Schmidt stated the Continual Assessment Sub-committee (CAS) has not met. McKee stated as of yesterday he is the chair of CAS. Schmidt stated these guidelines will be a part of the GWMP.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Conference Room to be determined.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Guyant, second by Burress to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Jamie Phillis, Recording Secretary

Ed Burns, Chair

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Grant	Mary Kiedrowski	Present	Park Ridge	Dan McFarlane	Absent
Grant Alt	Scott Provost	Excused	Park Ridge Alt	Christine Neidlein	Excused
Hull	Tim Zimmerman	Present	Plover	Dave Fritsch	Present
Lanark	Bill McKee	Present	Rosholt	VACANT	
Linwood	Garth Frost	Present	Whiting	Matt Saloun	Present
New Hope	George Guyant	Present			
New Hope Alt	Cathy Derezinski	Excused	CITY:		
Pine Grove	VACANT		Stevens Point	Joel Lemke	Excused

STAFF PRESENT: Ray Schmidt and Jamie Phillis, Planning and Zoning Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim and Barb Gifford, Ken Schroeder – University Extension (UWEX), Nathan Sandwick – UWEX, Barry Jacowski – County Board of Supervisors District 23, and Dale O'Brien – County Board of Supervisors District 19.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Edward Burns, Chair.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: None.

3. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 1, 2013: Motion by McKee to approve the minutes, second by Burress. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

5. BURNS READ THE PUBLIC NOTICE: Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

No one registered to speak.

6. UPDATE: GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS

Schmidt stated the Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) process slowed because summer intervened and some people were not able to meet. The Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Department lost their Rural Planner, Chuck Lucht, who was working on the Farmland Preservation and Land Use areas. P&Z has received approval to refill the position and will be doing so soon. There will probably be a Technical Advisory Committee meeting in October to hopefully finalize background information and move it to GCAC for review. GWMP is a few months behind where we originally thought it would be, but we are moving ahead. E. Burns asked if there was a deadline date. Schmidt replied the deadline has been moved. P&Z Director Jeff Schuler asked Schmidt to apologize to GCAC for the delay in moving the GWMP forward.

7. REVIEW / POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION ON WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) HIGH CAPACITY WELL (HCW) REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

E. Burns stated Wood and Adams Counties passed a similar resolution. He is troubled by this because he does not feel Portage County should jump on the coattails of other counties fight and the Committee has only had a week to review this resolution.

E. Burns made a motion to postpone approval of the resolution until everyone has had an opportunity to review the issue.

Turzinski asked what the DNR uses for criteria approving HCW. We should find out exactly what the criteria is to see if it meets our needs, before we act on any resolution. E. Burns thought since Adams and Wood Counties already passed this resolution, we should not use it as an excuse for us to do the same. Turzinski asked if anyone was aware of Senate Bill 302. E Burns replied 302 is addressing Lake Beulah's situation, so there is a good possibility the resolution may not make a difference if legislation passes.

McKee felt the resolution was not asking for anything specific, just for the DNR to review their criteria. Portage County is number one in water consumption and he sees this resolution as a tool to help us protect our groundwater and surface water. Schmidt stated the DNR is not bound by much code criteria.

Zimmerman asked what happens if they are not looking at the whole picture. The Kedzie Bill SB302 says once a HCW has been approved there is no recourse. Schmidt did not believe the Federal Government gets involved in individual HCW, except in the Great Lakes Compact areas.

McKee stated as he reads the resolution, it is a resolution from County Board. E. Burns thought it was supposed to come from GCAC. Schmidt stated it will be from the P&Z Committee if forwarded to them by GCAC for consideration. McKee stated he would advise the P&Z Committee to protect our groundwater and surface water.

E. Burns stated one thing he did not like about the resolution was the statement that DNR depends solely on the representations of the permit applicant. Turzinski stated that was his point on finding out what the DNR criteria are. If they are already doing enough and we add to the burden with a possible environmental impact study, then who will pay for it. Schmidt replied part of what this is doing is asking DNR to present their uniform criteria so that any HCW application can be measured against it. Right now they do not have anything set to use. They review a permit based on what is submitted in the application and do not perform field visits. The purpose of the resolution is to ask DNR to set their criteria so everyone can understand and react to it. E. Burns asked if GCAC can get a list of what the criteria are. He does not feel GCAC can ask for more scrutiny, if we do not know what they are currently using. McKee stated more scrutiny is needed because there are issues. Burress stated whatever criteria they do have seems to be pretty lax. Who has rights here? If there are no criteria, no one has rights. The argument seems to come down to, those that want to put in HCW do not want any restrictions, and those that feel threatened would like to see a little control. Turzinski disagreed that those that want to put in HCW do not want any restrictions. If he is going to pay to install a HCW, he would like to be sure no one will put one close and take all his water. He asked what the statement of "evaluate the environmental impacts" means. Schmidt replied instead of looking at the HCW application in front of them, they should consider the environmental impacts of that HCW on the landscape; nearby lakes, streams, and other HCW.

Kiedrowski seconded E. Burns motion to postpone the resolution for more review time.

Jacowski asked who wrote the resolution and what prompted the creation of it. Schmidt replied he writes most of what comes to GCAC. He was asked to create the resolution. People contacted Schuler to see what Portage County was doing about HCW review because Wood and Adams County had passed resolutions. Portage County is the number one groundwater pumping County in the State. Jacowski asked if the resolution was Schmidt's personal opinion. Schmidt replied no. This resolution, as stated in his memo, is based on the resolutions passed in Wood and Adams County Boards. It is very closely related. Jacowski was wondering if it was Schmidt's personal feelings or the feelings of two other counties. Schmidt replied no, it is not his personal feelings, he does not have a stake in it, but he did draft it for GCAC. Burress stated Schmidt does not vote. Schmidt stated Schuler asked him to draft a resolution for GCAC deliberation and maybe on to the P&Z Committee and County Board.

Gifford stated the principal criteria are any well that pumps more than 70 gallons per minute or if the total withdrawal on a property is more than 70 gallons per minute, then it is a HCW. The top three groundwater users are Portage, Waushara, and Adams Counties.

McKee stated based on issues that have been going on the last few years with groundwater and surface water, there are problems with the criteria and they should be reviewed. The resolution asks the DNR to revise and adopt new criteria, because the current criteria are not working. E. Burns thought GCAC should see the current criteria first. McKee asked what that will accomplish, will it change the resolution. E. Burns thought it was a start. McKee stated we are not dictating any new criteria. E. Burns stated we are asking them to adopt new criteria without even knowing the current criteria. Guyant asked if the current criteria are working. In his mind, seeing the water levels drop over the last few years, they are not. We have to do something different, which is what the resolution is saying.

E. Burns thought when DNR officials were at GCAC (May 2012) to discuss HCW permitting procedures, they stated they had to do whatever was written in Legislation to permit certain wells and provide oversight. Schmidt stated they have certain things written down, which are minimal. They also apply best practice, which is where the 1,500 feet between HCW idea is part of. They do not like to see it closer, but they do not have anything that says they cannot do it.

Mallek stated the "Whereas" paragraphs in the resolution explain, to an extent, the current criteria, if he is reading it correctly. Is that a complete list of criteria? Further down we are promoting the fact that DNR should revise and adopt new criteria. What are we suggesting they revise and what criteria are we suggesting they create? Schmidt replied what other counties intended was to ask DNR to take into account more than just an individual well application. They would like them to take into account other wells in the area, lakes, streams, and groundwater depletion. The resolution is not intended to tell DNR how to go about those things, but to tell them they need to take these issues into account whenever approving a HCW permit.

McKee stated this citizen Committee is focused on protecting groundwater and he feels GCAC would be greatly remiss if we do not send a message to the P&Z Committee, at least, stating our concern. We have an incredible resource in Portage County, fantastic groundwater, lakes, and rivers. They are all connected and GCAC should be doing whatever we can to protect that resource. E. Burns stated he does not want GCAC linked to any issues other counties are involved in, just to stonewall a dairy operation. Schmidt stated both counties do have proposals for dairy operations. McKee stated this does not have anything to do with that. This is about our groundwater and surface water.

Fritsch asked what is driving the resolution at this time. Can we get some more information and act on this next meeting? Guyant thought there was a legislative push going on right now. Schmidt agreed. Guyant stated time is of the essence. Fritsch stated we should find out what exactly is required right now. Schmidt stated since the Lake Beulah decision, DNR has not adopted any criteria for their review of HCW.

Burress stated it is obvious that the criteria are pretty lax and he feels this resolution addresses concerns, but he is afraid they will not listen to it anyway. He supports the resolution.

Gifford stated the DNR website gives access to all HCW applications for the last 16 weeks. R. Burns stated if you have an objection to a well, there is opportunity to review the application online. The new law states once the permit is approved, there is no recourse.

E. Burns stated there is a motion on the table by E. Burns to postpone action on the resolution until further review and Kiedrowski had seconded the motion. Motion carried by show of hands, 9-7.

Guyant made a motion for GCAC to meet in two weeks with requested information provided in the meantime. McKee seconded the motion. After discussion regarding timeframe, motion failed by show of hands, 7-9.

Schmidt asked for details on what information the Committee would like to receive. Fritsch replied the current criteria would be first. A call to DNR may be needed. E. Burns thought the process for someone to comment or oppose a HCW application. Schmidt stated his first call will be to Larry Lynch, DNR, for current criteria.

Turzinski stated sometimes these discussions seem to be farmers against everyone else. McKee agreed and stated he was upset that this topic started with a vegetable grower proposing a motion tabling the resolution without any discussion. E. Burns stated his concern was the lack of time to digest the resolution.

Burress made a motion for GCAC to meet on November 7, 2013 to discuss the issue again. McKee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. PRESENTATION / POSSIBLE ACTION – CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE: SUGGESTED GROUNDWATER SAMPLING AND MONITORING GUIDELINES FOR PESTICIDES

McKee stated this was primarily authored by Paul McGinley. McKee has been on the committee for a few years. The first section is from the GWMP, which says to determine what pesticides are used and where. The pesticide list came from the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), and Joe Nagel. There are drinking water standards for some pesticides, but for many of the pesticides there are no standards. A goal of the GWMP is to try to get groundwater pesticide concentrations below the Preventative Action Limit (PAL). The key is to ask the County to establish systematic testing on our groundwater.

McKee made a motion to pass the proposal on to the P&Z Committee. Guyant seconded the motion, which passed by show of hands, 13-1, with Kiedrowski abstaining. One member had left the meeting.

9. HIGH CAPACITY WELL PUMPING – 2011 VS. 2012

Schmidt provided the Committee with a handout comparing 2011 total groundwater pumping in Portage County with 2012, along with a memo showing analysis of the comparison. The gallons for HCW users, other than irrigation, were pretty similar in 2011 and 2012. The agricultural irrigation nearly doubled for the number of gallons pumped from 2011 to 2012. These numbers are based on actual pumping numbers submitted by the people who are pumping those wells, whether it is a municipality, an individual farmer, or industry.

Turzinski stated the drought this year came at a different time of year so it will be interesting to see the results for agricultural use in 2013. Schmidt agreed and will see if DNR can get the results out earlier.

Schmidt provided the Committee with a graph of the flow in the Little Plover River, which gives a comparison of the flow and corresponds with the water level in those years. E. Burns stated the recharge is remarkable. Schmidt agreed and stated it is a very responsive watershed. He is interested in seeing numbers for 2013.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Conference Room 5, County Annex.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McKee, second by Burress to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Jamie Phillis, Recording Secretary

Ed Burns, Chair

Date

**PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, November 7, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GCAC) MEMBERS LISTING:

MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance	MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance
TOWNS:		11/07/13	TOWNS:		11/07/13
Alban	VACANT		Plover	Barb Feltz	Excused
Almond	Edward Burns	Present	Plover Alternate	Nancy Lila	Excused
Amherst	Mike Burress	Present	Sharon	Casey Jakubek	Present
Belmont	Rita Walkowicz	Present	Stockton	Richard Filtz	Absent
Buena Vista	John Ruzicka	Present	VILLAGES:		
Buena Vista Alt	Roger Turzinski	Present	Almond	Richard Burns	Present
Carson	Fred Copes	Present	Amherst	Mike Hinrichs	Excused
Dewey	Dennis Meis	Absent	Amherst Jcnctn	VACANT	
Dewey Alt	Kathy Girolamo	-----	Junction City	Peter Mallek	Excused
Eau Pleine	David Hansen	Present	Nelsonville	James Walker	Present
Grant	Mary Kiedrowski	Present	Park Ridge	Dan McFarlane	Present
Grant Alt	Scott Provost	Excused	Park Ridge Alt	Christine Neidlein	Excused
Hull	Tim Zimmerman	Present	Plover	Dave Fritsch	Present
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STAFF PRESENT: Ray Schmidt, Jeff Schuler, and Jamie Phillis, Planning and Zoning Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Knuth, Jim and Barb Gifford, Terry James, Ken Schroeder – University Extension (UWEX), Nathan Sandwick – UWEX, Barry Jacowski – County Board of Supervisors District 23, and Dale O’Brien – County Board of Supervisors District 19.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Edward Burns, Chair.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: None.

3. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 3, 2013: Motion by Walker to approve the minutes, second by Guyant. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

5. BURNS READ THE PUBLIC NOTICE: Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert’s Rules of Order.

Terry James registered to speak regarding agenda item #6.

6. REVIEW / POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION ON WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) HIGH CAPACITY WELL (HCW) REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

E. Burns went through the resolution to see if there was any opposition to any of the paragraphs.

Zimmerman asked if we are addressing this resolution to the DNR. Schmidt replied we are addressing it to the DNR, Governor, and Portage County members of the State Legislature, as well as the Wisconsin Counties Association. It is to advise DNR to develop criteria on which they will do more than evaluate a single well application.

E. Burns did not like the third 'Whereas' paragraph that states "instead depends on representations of the permit applicant." He thought the DNR spoke about environmental impacts and doing more research than what GCAC received at their October 29th presentation. We are accusing DNR of only reading the application when making their determination, when they have the right to go out and review the site or anything they want. Schmidt understood they had to review what was in front of them and if anyone from outside wished to have input, then DNR had to consider the input within a certain amount of days. If DNR does not receive input, they only have to review what is in front of them. Later on in the resolution, it references the Lake Beulah versus DNR decision. The State Supreme Court decided that DNR has the authority and duty, under the Public Trust Doctrine, to evaluate the environmental impacts and not just the individual well. At this point in time, Adams and Wood Counties have stated DNR is not discharging that law. If this Committee moves the resolution forward, Portage County will have a decision to make too. Is DNR doing its job is the question. E. Burns thought the statement was a little harsh on the DNR.

E. Burns stated he did not want to sound so accusatory and asked about Law 3003. Schmidt was not familiar with that law. E. Burns thought it stated if a well was approved, the neighbor could require an environmental impact review. Schmidt thought that requirement may have come under the Michaels Pipeline decision in the 1974 when they were trying to decide whether the pipeline caused harm to a well. Some of the law is out there, but DNR does not have criteria for evaluating more than the application they are receiving.

Burress stated reality is the DNR has not denied a HCW application and he did not understand the problem with the statement. Walker asked if it was a statement of fact. R. Burns stated there is no proof if it is a statement of fact. We are not there at the review process. You do not submit a well permit application unless you are positive it will get approved, which is why none are denied. Walker asked when someone is notified a HCW may be installed near them. Schmidt replied after DNR receives the application. Burress stated they are not advised directly, the information is there if you know where to find it. Schmidt stated the information is on the DNR website. Burress stated it is not a matter of someone getting notice that their neighbor is applying for a HCW permit. Walker stated it impacts the lack of opposition to a HCW. A neighbor may be unaware a HCW is going to be installed until it is being installed. How many people routinely visit the DNR website looking for HCW applications? Walkowicz agreed. She was unaware her neighbor was putting in a HCW, because she does not get on the computer often. Schmidt believes the paragraph is a statement of fact that, in the current process, DNR does not conduct an independent evaluation. Their process is to review and accept it, and then post it for the public. If they receive concrete evidence there is a problem, they will look at it more closely.

Turzinski stated some applications may be approved, but have been altered. Guyant asked how the decision was made to alter the application, did they base it on an independent evaluation, or what was in the application. Turzinski replied it would be from what was in the application. Guyant stated that is what this paragraph is saying; they are going on information put in the application. He suggested changing the word 'instead' to 'overly' in the paragraph, then it does not say they are solely depending on the applicant. E. Burns agreed.

Guyant made a motion to strike the word 'instead' and add 'overly' to the third Whereas paragraph. McKee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. Burns asked for comment from those registered to speak. James stated he is in his sixth year as an Adams County Supervisor and is on many committees, one of which is Land and Water. He is also a representative on Golden Sands Resource, Conservation, and Development (RC&D), which all these counties participate in. The first resolution came out of RC&D and he was one of the authors who drafted it at RC&D. The reason it went through RC&D was because they cover nine counties and there were some concerns about HCW and how they were being monitored by DNR. RC&D passed their resolution unanimously and issued an offer to the nine participating counties to pass resolutions on their own. Adams County was the first county to do so. The first time it was brought to the Committee it was tabled, so it was brought back four months later and then postponed for one more month. The resolution went to the Adams County Board of Supervisors and passed 16-3. James lives in the Town of Rome and 121 well permits were approved for their watershed, which is called the 14-mile watershed. Our State has lost a bit of our protection on the environment. He does not think the DNR is able to do what they would like. Considering cumulative impact of individual HCWs is the key to what we are trying to accomplish. Right now the DNR only has to look at the individual HCW regarding the permit application. If there are three wells within a quarter of a mile, there would have to be heavy taking of the groundwater. He is a firm believer that someday we will run out of water. If an amendment to Senate Bill 302 is passed, the Lake Beulah decision will no longer hold. It will also eliminate any opportunity to look at current HCW permits under review,

present or past. Since the Little Plover River is one of the top 10 endangered water sources in the Nation, it seems fitting that Portage County would pass a resolution like this.

E. Burns continued through the resolution. He thought something should be in the resolution that states we are not opposed to use, as long as it is sustainable and responsible. McKee suggested the phrase, "to promote sustainable and responsible water management" to the resolution. The Committee agreed.

Kiedrowski made a motion to add the phrase "to promote sustainable and responsible water management" to the resolution. Walker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. Burns asked if the DNR can adopt new criteria, or are we asking them something they cannot do. Gifford replied DNR can adopt new criteria through the rules process and not by Statute. Statute would allow them to frame rules.

Walkowicz asked if her HCW goes dry because her neighbor installed a HCW recently, will the DNR tell her she cannot drill a new HCW on her property because her neighbor put one in two years ago. Jacowski replied it certainly could happen if not careful on how the criteria are created. He does not agree with the resolution because we are asking DNR to create new criteria and we do not know what it could be, which is a dangerous situation. Schmidt thought when Cathy Stepp came in as DNR Secretary, there were a couple agricultural representatives assigned to the Natural Resources Board. He feels Walkowicz's concerns would be well considered in the process. Turzinski thought a law was passed that there had to be at least one or two farmers on the DNR Board because approximately 47% of land controlled by the DNR is owned by farmers. James thought we were talking about permanent **new** HCW, not **replacement** HCW. R. Burns stated the resolution does say 'any new HCW application.'

Guyant stated we have to remember the rules process; there are public hearings on any rule changes. Once the DNR affirms what they want in the Administrative Rules, it goes in front of the Legislature; the Legislature has the duty and right to reject those rules. There will be opportunities for input before the rules are enacted.

E. Burns reminded the Committee that only one member from each municipality is allowed to vote. Schmidt stated an alternate cannot vote, if the member is present.

Guyant made a motion to forward the resolution to the Planning and Zoning Committee as amended. McKee seconded the motion, which carried by show of hands, 14-2. One member had previously left the meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., Conference Room 5, County Annex.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Burns adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

/Patty Benedict/ Acting Recording Secretary
Jamie Phillis, Recording Secretary

/Ed Burns/
Ed Burns, Chair

1/9/14
Date