



**Groundwater Nitrate Work Group
Monday December 10, 2018 @ 8:00 am
UWEX Conference Room
Janesville WI**

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.

Members Present: Nick Baker, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Chris Murphy, Lou Peer, Rick Richard, Al Sweeney, Tom Sweeney, and Rick Wietersen.

Members Excused: Dave Rebout, Pat Mullooly, Colin Byrnes

Others Present: Scott Fleming
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Rich Bostwick moved the agenda as presented, seconded by Wes Davis.
Motion Carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2018 meeting:** Lou Peer moved the minutes for the meeting as presented, seconded by Rick Richard. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Communications:** Need to add Cover Crop Conference attendance to next agenda
5. **Introduction of Farm Renter:** Scott Fleming introduced himself to the Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup members. Mr. Fleming stated he is employed by the Rock River Lab as the director of land sampling and has experience with farming practices. Mr. Fleming will be having all work done on the farm from planting to harvesting.
6. **Monitoring Well Sampling Update.** Rick Wietersen distributed documents which identified the monitoring wells nitrate trends and the public wells, in the immediate area, nitrate trends. Rick Wietersen noted that the Groundwater Elevation continues to increase in the monitoring wells. An issue has developed with the sampling equipment due to weather conditions. The test hoses for the well pump have been freezing when the water leaves the well casing. Rick also stated he would like to install lysimeters in the field to assist with the testing for nitrates. He will contact the DNR for assistance.

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7. **Discussion on long term strategies regarding GW Nitrate issues.** Nick Baker stated that the long term strategies must include farmer led groups as discussed during past meetings. Farmer led groups are showing great promise in regards to locally defined issues throughout the State of Wisconsin. We must identify a core group of farmers. Staff needs to meet and discuss how this will be initiated. Rick Richard asked if staff could update the county board in the near future. Tom Sweeney will contact Marilyn Bondehagen, Administration to arrange.
8. **Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location.** The next meeting date was set for 8:00 am, Monday, January 21, 2019 and will be held at the new UWEX Office Conference Room.
9. **Adjourn:** Rich Bostwick moved to adjourn the December 10, 2018 meeting of the Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup at 9:19 am, seconded by Rick Wietersen. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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