



**Groundwater Quality Initiative
Workgroup Meeting
Monday September 18, 2017 @ 10:30 am
Public Health Department Conference Room
3328 US Hwy 51 North
Janesville WI**

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Members Present:, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Sandy Kraft, Pat Mullooly, Chris Murphy, Dave Rebout, Rick Richard, Al Sweeney, Tom Sweeney, and Rick Wietersen.

Members Excused: Nick Baker, Colin Byrnes

Others Present: Dave Gundlach, USDA-NRCS and Adam Elmer, Public Health Department.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Kraft @ 10:36 am.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Rich Bostwick moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Wes Davis. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approve Minutes from the August 14, 2017 Meeting.** Al Sweeney moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rick Richards. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Resolution for funding of work group objectives:** Tom Sweeney distributed a resolution that remains in draft form. The resolution titled "Determining Allocation of American Transmission Company Environmental Impact Fees to be Received in 2018" has been forward to the County Administration for review prior to Land Conservation and Public Works Committees taking action. Of note was line 33 under the "Be It Further Resolved" clause the Land Conservation Committee requests that \$120,000 of the fees be segregated to fund the Groundwater Workgroup activities. Tom Sweeney gave a breakdown of the funding request. Rick Richard noted Public Works Committee requested the Parks Advisory Committee signature lines be added to the resolution along with an additional "Be it Further Resolved" statement on how the parks division is to use their allocation. A short discussion regarding the funding occurred.
5. **Review of Dane County Nitrate Project Report:** Rick Wietersen distributed the Dane County Nitrate Project report. Rick noted that Dane County and Rock County have a lot of similarities regarding aquifers. Rick also noted that there are areas in Rock County that cannot be accounted for in the Dane County Study specifically the area along the interstate from Janesville

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to Beloit. Rick continued with the recommendation section noting the areas in close proximity to groundwater divides lend themselves best to the type of pilot projects being discussed. At this time Al Sweeney asked that documents such as this be sent out with the Agenda so members of the workgroup can read them prior to discussion.

6. **Review of Wisconsin Groundwater Coordination Council – August 2017 Report to Legislature:** Rick Wietersen led a short discussion regarding the Groundwater Councils report. Rick will send a link so members can view the report.
7. **Potential Field BMP Demo Areas:** Rick Wietersen stated that the final area for a demonstration project will need a very high level of Landowner/Operator cooperation level to successful. Al Sweeney would like to start targeting for fall 2018 for cereal grain cover crops. Rick Wietersen stated that a list of beneficial BMPs for groundwater quality needs to be developed. The lists should include all objectives goals for each BMP. Wes Davis stated that the group should review the proposed project areas and start crossing out areas that may not work for whatever reason.
8. **Communications:** Al Sweeney stated that this group should continue and an Ad Hoc Committee need not be appointed in the near future. Al Sweeney continued stating that Agriculture needs the way regarding this topic. A short discussion regarding the time frame for this workgroup to complete it work expires on December 31st. Tom Sweeney stated a new resolution will need to be drafted to allow the workgroup to continue to function past the deadline. He will draft said resolution.
9. **Next meeting date, time, and location:** The next meeting was set for October 16, 2017 at 7:00 am at the Public Health Department Conference Room.
10. **Adjourn:** Rich Bostwick moved to adjourn at 11:29 am, seconded by Chris Murphy. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Sweeney

Minutes are not official until adopted by the Groundwater Quality Initiative Workgroup