



**GROUNDWATER NITRATE WORK GROUP
TUESDAY September 1, 2020 @ 8:00 AM
ZOOM MEETING**

Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.
Members present: Wes Davis, Pat Mullooly, Dave Rebout, Lou Peer, Rich Bostwick, Rick Richard and Al Sweeney.
Members Excused: Nick Baker
Others present: Andrew Baker, Dave Gundlach, Rick Wietersen, and Chris Newberry
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Wes Davis moved the agenda as presented, seconded by Rich Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2020 meeting.** Lou Peer moved the minutes for the June 23, 2020 meeting as presented, seconded by Rick Weiterson. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Communications, Announcements.** None at this time.
5. **Monitoring Well Sampling Updates/County Wide Trends.** Rick Wietersen presented for the monitoring wells sampling being conducted at the County Farm and the non-community wells in the study area. Weiterson informed the group that the wells were sampled yesterday. Wietersen noted the groundwater level in the observation wells dropped slightly but, remain high and steady. Wietersen also noted the groundwater flow was high. The amount of nitrate in the Compeer and park wells continues to drop faster than the others. Wietersen noted again that the lower levels of nitrate could be from dilution from more water being in the aquifer.
6. **Status of 9KE Plan.** Chris Newberry gave an update to the timetable of the plan. Newberry indicated that the livestock inventory was completed. Newberry noted that he has started to work on models STEPL, EVAAL, and ACPF.
7. **Producer Led Watershed Group Development - Update.** Chris Newberry informed the committee of the last two meetings of the group. Newberry indicated the group formed a five member board and had 14 members. Doug Rebout was chairman but, he will step down due to the conflict of interest being on the DATCP Board. The name of the group is Farmers on the Rock. The group has decided to go ahead and submit an application for cost-share money for DATCP.
8. **Action Item.** Approval of a Letter of Support for the creation of "Farmers on the Rock" producer led watershed group. Wes Davis moved the action item to approve and send the letter as presented, seconded by Pat Mullooly. **Motion Carried.**

9. **Action Item.** Recommendation to the Land Conservation Committee: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with “Farmers on the Rock” producer led watershed group for grant application and program administration. Rich Richard moved the recommendation to approve and sign the memorandum as presented, seconded by Dave Rebut. **Motion Carried.**
10. **Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location.** Date and time were set for October 27th, at 8:00am, which would be following post-harvest well sampling. Place is to be determined by Covid-19 restrictions.
11. **Adjourn.** Pat Mullooly moved to adjourn the September 1, 2020 meeting of the Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup at 8:28 am, seconded by Dave Rebut. **Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted,

Chris Newberry
Senior Conservation Specialist

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