

Kewaunee County Board of Health and Land and Water Conservation Committee Joint Meeting
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Office
June 10th, 2014 10:00 AM

2014-2016 Kewaunee County Health, Veteran Service and Child Support Committee Members:

Kaye Shillin – Chair (County Board Member)
Pat Benes
Gordon Reckelberg
Charles Wagner
Gary Paape
Dr. Kurt Kurowski
Mary Halada – Public Health Director
Citizen Members: Audrey Krautkramer, Shirley Kirchman, Kathy Janosky

2014-2016 Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) Members:

John Pagel – Chair (County Board member)
Ron Paider – Vice Chair (County Board member)
Lee Luft – Secretary (County Board member)
Bob Garfinkel – Committee Member (County Board Member)
Andy Wallander – County Conservationist
Clark Reimer (USDA Farm Service Agency Representative)
Aerica Bjorstrom – UW Extension Agricultural Agent

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairperson, Kaye Shillin

Roll Call: Land and Water Committee Members present: John Pagel, Ron Paider, Lee Luft, Bob Garfinkel, Clark Reimer. LWCD and Cooperating Agency Staff present: Andy Wallander, Davina Bonness and Paul Fredrich. Board of Health Committee Members present: Kaye Shillin, Charles Wagner, and Gary Paape. Staff member(s) present: Mary Halada. Citizen members present: Audrey Krautkramer, Shirley Kirchman and Kathy Janosky. Absent: Gordon Reckelberg. Excused Pat Benes and Dr. Kurt Kurowski.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the June 10th 10:00 AM Agenda was made by Audrey Krautkramer and seconded by Charles Wagner. Subsequent vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Public Comments:

Members of the public made comments as follows:

Jodi Parrins: Thanked the committees for reviewing and incorporating positive changes to the Joint Resolution on Impacts to Groundwater Related to the Application of Wastes to Shallow Fractured Bedrock Landscapes in Kewaunee County.

Lynn Utesch: Offered the committees a number of documents for inclusion in the Joint Resolution. Mr. Utesch cited letters he could make available from John Hopkins School of Medicine documenting the health concerns with certain manure application processes and a letter from the American Lung Association with similar concern regarding airborne pathogens. Mr. Utesch stated he has numerous other documents in his possession that he can make available as needed to assist in the literature review portion of the Joint Resolution.

Bill Iwen: Mr. Iwen commented that climatologists are forecasting more frequent occurrences of extreme weather events e.g. heavy rains, temperature extremes, etc. Mr. Iwen expressed his concern that these extreme weather events will only exacerbate an already troubling runoff problem that is negatively impacting our ground and surface water, resulting in the high levels of well contamination and surface water degradation. He encouraged the committees to stay focused on the goals of reducing manure volumes and improving processes to limit runoff.

Dick Swanson: Mr. Swanson said he felt that the two committees (Health and Land and Water) working together was a very

good idea and he encouraged the committees in their efforts to improve water quality. Mr. Swanson said, "Clean water is critical, no one can live for more than three days without it and that our water and land are worth the effort and the fight to save it." He said some operations may be hurt or curtailed in the process of gaining improved water quality but that water quality is not an option for those who wish to live in Kewaunee County.

Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution: At this point in the meeting, the committees began an active discussion of the Joint KC Land and Water/KC Health Department Resolution on Impacts to Groundwater Related to the Application of Wastes to Shallow Fractured Bedrock Landscapes in Kewaunee County. After significant discussion, five changes to the Joint Resolution were put forth. A motion to accept all five changes was made by Charles Wagner and seconded by Kathy Janosky. The motion was then voted on and approved by unanimous approval of both committees. These changes are highlighted below:

**Amendments to a Joint Resolution of the Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Committee and Kewaunee County
Department of Health Committee
Accepted June 10, 2014**

Actual changed wording is underlined below:

List of Accepted Changes in "Whereas" sections:

Line 19 (Fourth Whereas) shall be changed as follows: "... groundwater aquifer, and eventually all the surface waters of the county."

Line 25 (Fifth Whereas) shall be changed as follows: "... use of rural cropland for liquid manure, solid manure and commercial fertilizer application in Kewaunee..."

Line 28 (Fifth Whereas) shall be changed as follows: "... septic systems and commercial application of septage are also likely contributing a relatively smaller amount..."

List of Accepted Changes in "Be it Resolved"/"Be it Further Resolved" sections:

New "Be it Further Resolved" section to be added after line 7 of the Resolution section: "Be it Further Resolved that following completion of the requested literature review, the Kewaunee County Board requests that representatives from the State of Wisconsin Departments of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Natural Resources and Health Services provide a written and oral presentation on their findings to the Kewaunee County Board during a regularly scheduled Kewaunee County Board meeting at a time and date to be determined."

Line 12 of the Resolutions section shall be changed as follows: "...Representative Garey Bies; and the Wisconsin Counties Association and also the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, the Wisconsin Public Health Association, the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards and the Wisconsin Towns Association. "

Such other matters as authorized by law: No other matters were brought forward for discussion.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Charles Wagner and seconded by Gary Paape. The motion passed unanimously.