



## Kewaunee County Groundwater Task Force Agenda Regular Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 1:00PM

Kewaunee County Administration Building - **NOTE ROOM CHANGE: County Board Meeting Room**  
810 Lincoln Street - Kewaunee, WI 54216

- 1) Call To Order – Chairman Luft
- 2) Roll Call – Secretary Swanson
- 3) Approval/Repair of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Agenda
- 4) Approval/Repair of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- 5) Discuss recent ground and surface water related events or issues.
  - A) Any updates on NRCS Technical Advisory Group? Current effort is to ask the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to indentify proposed limits of contamination for ground and surface waters.  
  
Then decide to:
    - a) Accept existing conditions
    - b) Adjust quality criteria
    - c) Develop new criteria
    - d) Some combination of the above
  - B) DNR established five work groups to address Kewaunee County’s ground and surface water problems at our August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members discuss updates from the three active work groups since the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Groundwater Task Force meeting.
    - a. Short Term Solutions to obtain clean water for citizens living with unsafe wells. (Davina Bonness, Cindy Kinnard, John Pagel, Dick Swanson, and Ron Heuer are members of this workgroup).  
  
**Approved recommendations are shown on attached four pages entitled, “Short Term Solutions in Relation to Contaminated Well Water in Kewaunee County”**
    - b. Best Management Practices for agriculture in dealing with Kewaunee County’s vulnerable areas. (Davina Bonness is a member of this workgroup).  
  
**Davina Bonness to provide an update following the final meeting of the Best Management Practices Workgroup.**
    - c. Compliance and enforcement issues. (Davina Boness and Lee Luft are members of this group).  
  
**Approved recommendations are shown on attached four pages entitled, “Recommndation Summary from Compliance Team January 2016”**
    - d. Communication, getting accurate information to the public and information hub for all other group’s recommendations.  
  
**Update from Davina on timing of Communications Workgroup public release of all recommendations of the three Workgroups.**
    - e. Alternative Technologies for waste treatment, disposal, and spreading.

Previous meetings: Russ Rasmussen indicated that this group would look at three major areas of agricultural technology:

1. Things being done successfully elsewhere;
2. New and promising technologies;
3. Asking the question; are we implementing new technologies in a timely and proper manner?

This workgroup has yet to be formed.

- C) Update of November 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Private Well Water Test results.  
Any updates on the stratification analysis (well results by well depth)?  
Update on planning for the spring/summer 2016 testing?  
Report/update on “auto testing” of Kewaunee County wells?  
Report/update on virus testing of Kewaunee County wells?
  - D) Update on clean water access project in Algoma headed by Algoma Public Schools.  
Updates if any?
  - E) Progress on Project Phoenix – Award of consulting contract to Roach and Associates and a partner company. Consultant’s report due by July, 2016.
  - F) DNR plans for conducting more on-farm inspections (one per year) adding more inspectors and conducting more manure hauling audits. Report/update from Davina?
  - G) Groundwater Task Force Charter and Renewal. Update from Chairman Luft following May 2<sup>nd</sup> County Board reorganization meeting.
  - H) New issues for discussion?
    - a. Don Niles, President of Peninsula Pride Farms group has been invited to speak to the GWTF regarding the group’s , mission and goals.
    - b. Update on DNR permit approval for Agropur (Chloride emission)
- 6) Discuss progress in achieving approved Groundwater Task Force goals.
- A. **Goal:** Groundwater Task Force will establish a website that will provide a “one stop” source for updates on Kewaunee County’s ground and surface waters. **Champions: Cindy Kinnard and Aeric Bjurstrom.**
    - a) Update on web site development by Aeric Bjurstrom and Cindy Kinnard including any newly posted material e.g. **Initial recommendations of the Near-term Solutions and Compliance Workgroups posted?**
  - B. **Goal:** Groundwater Task Force will publish no less than one press release per month to update Kewaunee County residents on the activities of the Task Force, County, State, and Federal entities working to improve groundwater and surface water in Kewaunee Co. **Champion: Lee Luft**
- Proposed News Releases**
- a) Well Test Results by soil depth – data not available at this time.
  - b) Final Recommendations of the Short Term Solutions and Compliance Workgroups
  - c) Map of Kewaunee County showing areas with most unsafe wells. Now complete?
  - d) Others?
- 7) Public Comments (3 minutes per person – 20 minutes total)
  - 8) Other matters to discuss
  - 9) Set next meeting date
  - 10) Adjournment