



Kewaunee County Groundwater Task Force Agenda Regular Monthly Meeting

Friday, July 8th, 2016 1:00PM
Kewaunee County Administration Building
Main Conference Room
810 Lincoln Street - Kewaunee, WI 54216

- 1) Call To Order – Chairman Luft
- 2) Introduction of new member, Randy Hallet
- 3) Roll Call – Secretary Swanson
- 4) Approval/Repair of July 8th, 2016 Agenda
- 5) Approval/Repair of June 8th, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- 6) 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 identify 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 5th, 2015 meeting. Members discuss updates from the three active work groups since the June 8th, 2016 Groundwater Task Force meeting.

- a. Review of the key recommendations of the Short Term Solutions, (Davina Bonness, Cindy Kinnard, John Pagel, Dick Swanson, and Ron Heuer were members of this workgroup), Best Management Practices, (Davina Bonness was a member of this workgroup), and Compliance and enforcement issues, (Davina Bonness and Lee Luft were members of this group).

Recommendations from all three of the above Workgroups have now been published. GWTF may wish consider whether to issue a resolution or letter or ? in support of these recommendations.

- b. Communication, getting accurate information to the public and information hub for all other groups' recommendations.

See above. Communications Workgroup is the workgroup that published the full set of recommendations.

- c. Alternative Technologies for waste treatment, disposal, and spreading. This group met on June 23rd in Luxemburg. Davina may provide an update.

- C) Update of November 13th/14th and November 20th/21st Private Well Water Test results. Any updates on the stratification analysis (well results by well depth)? Report/update on "auto testing" of Kewaunee County wells?

Report/update on virus testing of Kewaunee County wells since Salmonella and Rotavirus findings? We're an additional 30 at risk wells tested for Salmonella and Rotavirus?

- D) Update on clean water access project in Algoma headed by Algoma Public Schools.
Updates if any?
 - E) Progress on Project Phoenix – Update on meetings with Roach and Associates regarding their invoice (\$25,000). Work of newly assigned consultant (Dynamic Solutions) may be complete, (due date was June 30, 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) Consider resolution in support of new aquatic life and contaminants testing by DNR or EPA to determine the status of the East Twin River watershed. See proposed resolution.
 - H) Consider resolution from GWTF in support of the unanimous recommendations made by the three Kewaunee County Workgroups.
 - I) Follow-up from June 8th Meeting:
 - A. Letter to well owners from county encouraging well testing.
 - B. Bob Garfinkel letter to U.S. Senators regarding Wisconsin's Attorney General's decision not to have the DNR review the cumulative impacts of high-capacity wells.
 - C. DNR board actions following the release of the Legislative Audit Bureau report on DNR management.
 - J) Discuss Kewaunee County ordinance allowing County officials to enforce NR-151 Runoff Management regulations when/if DNR fails to do so.
- 7) 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. Publish full set of recommendations made by the three initial DNR-Kewaunee County workgroups. Publish full report?
 - 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) Update on well testing results to include the results of the Salmonella/Rotavirus tests.
 - b) Well Test Results by soil depth – data not available at this time.
 - c) If approved, publish the resolution in support of the aquatic life testing of the East Twin River
 - d) If approved, publish the resolution in support of the final recommendations of the Short Term Solutions, Best Management Practices and Compliance Workgroups.
 - e) Others?
- 8) Public Comments (3 minutes per person – 20 minutes total)
 - 9) Other matters to discuss
 - 10) Set next meeting date
 - 11) Adjournment