



## Kewaunee County Groundwater Task Force Agenda Regular Monthly Meeting

Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 1:00PM  
Kewaunee County Administration Building  
Main Conference Room  
810 Lincoln Street - Kewaunee, WI 54216

- 1) Call To Order – Chairman Luft
- 2) Roll Call – Secretary Swanson
- 3) Approval/Repair of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Agenda
- 4) Approval/Repair of August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- 5) Discuss recent ground and surface water related events or issues.

- A) Updates on the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Technical Advisory Group? Current effort is to ask the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to identify proposed limits of contamination for ground and surface waters. Next TAG group meeting is September \_\_\_\_.

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>, 2015 meeting. Members discuss updates from the three active work groups.

- 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 were published in June, 2016. A public meeting to review the recommendations was held in Luxemburg on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with speakers from the Wisconsin DNR, the US EPA and members of the workgroups. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, the GWTF voted to forward a resolution in support of the workgroups to the Kewaunee County Land and Water Conservation Committee. Another meeting was held by Senator Tammy Baldwin's office on August 17<sup>th</sup> to review these recommendations and enlist the support of Federal Agencies that can aid in addressing the water contamination issues here in Kewaunee County. At today's meeting (September 4<sup>th</sup>) we will discuss the outcome of Senator Baldwin's meeting and the promise of clean water assistance to Kewaunee County residents from Bob Kaplan, Administrator EPA District 5 and the efforts of NRCS and the DNR and DATCP.

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

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 23<sup>rd</sup> in Luxemburg. Davina may provide an update from the latest meeting of this workgroup.

- C) Update of November 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> and August 2016 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 from Davina?  
 Report/update on virus testing of Kewaunee County wells since Salmonella and Rotavirus findings? Were an additional 30 at-risk wells tested for Salmonella and Rotavirus? Results?  
 Findings of the August, 2016 well testing of 400 Kewaunee County wells.
- D) Presentation by Steve Tatro of T.I.P. Inc in Custer, Wisconsin regarding manure irrigation.
- E) Update on clean water access project in Algoma headed by Algoma Public Schools.  
 Updates if any? Discussion of siting of clean water access points e.g. Highway Dept. Offices?
- F) Progress on Project Phoenix – Update on meetings with Roach and Associates regarding their invoice (\$25,000). Roach and Associates presentation at July 7<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting. Work of newly assigned consultant (Dynamic Solutions) is complete. UPDATE: The work performed by Dynamic Solutions was accepted by the Public Service Commission and Kewaunee County was paid for this study. Kewaunee County then forwarded the \$50,000 in funding for this study to Dynamic Solutions. Chairman Luft has asked for a copy of this study on the feasibility of piping liquid manure to central processing stations for methane gas extraction.
- G) DNR plans for conducting more on-farm inspections (one per year) adding more inspectors and conducting more manure hauling audits. Report/update from Davina?
- H) 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. The GWTF voted to send this recommendation/resolution as previously amended to the Land and Water Conservation Committee for consideration there and eventually on to the full County Board.
- I) Consider resolution from GWTF in support of the consensus and near-consensus recommendations made by the three Kewaunee County Workgroups. The GWTF reviewed a recommendation/resolution in support of the consensus or near-consensus recommendations of the three initial DNR-Kewaunee County Workgroups to the Land and Water Conservation Committee for consideration and eventually on to the full County Board.
- J) Follow-up from July 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting:  
 A. Letter to well owners from county encouraging well testing. Funding is an issue here.  
 B. 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. Consider a vote on whether to recommend that Kewaunee County have its own enforceable ordinance based on existing State regulations. Send results of this vote to the Land and Water Conservation Committee.
- 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 Aerica Bjurstrom.**

- a) Update on web site development by Aerica Bjurstrom and Cindy Kinnard including any newly posted material e.g. Full set of recommendations made by the three initial DNR-Kewaunee County workgroups has been added.
- 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) Publish the recommended 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) August 2016 Well Test Results
  - f) Others?
- 7) Public Comments (3 minutes per person – 20 minutes total)
  - 8) Other matters to discuss
  - 9) Set next meeting date
  - 10) Adjournment