

**COUNTY OF EAU CLAIRE
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"**

In Accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19, subchapter IV, Wisconsin Statutes, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of the following public meeting:

THE _____ **GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE** _____

WILL MEET ON _____ **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018** _____ **TIME: 5:00 P.M.**

PLACE: _____ **EAU CLAIRE COUNTY COURT HOUSE Room 302** _____
_____ **721 OXFORD AVENUE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703** _____

OPEN SESSION

AGENDA

1. Call to order by Chair
2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
3. Public Comment Period
4. Review/Approval of July 17, 2018 meeting minutes.
The meeting tentatively scheduled for August 20, 2018 was cancelled.
5. Report on State of Groundwater Report to County Board/Discussion
6. Proposed Wisconsin Think Water School/Discussion/Action
7. Development of Potential Funding Sources/Health Department/Discussion/Action
8. Develop Action Items per State of Groundwater Document/Discussion/Action
9. Discussion of Items Specific to Temporary Moratorium/Discussion/Action
10. Next Meeting Date (Dec ___, 2018)
11. Items for the Next Agenda
12. Adjourn

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GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES – July 17, 2018
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Room 302
720 – 2ND AVENUE, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701**

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Dunning, Nancy Coffey, Anna Mares, Glory Adams, Sham Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Anderson, Mary Kenosian, Jennifer Eddy, Sarah Vitale

STAFF PRESENT: Audrey Boerner and Matt Steinbach (Eau Claire City-County Health Dept.); Greg Leonard (Eau Claire County Land Conservation)

OTHERS PRESENT: (none)

1. Call to order by Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunning at 5:07 pm. A quorum was present.

2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Dunning confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

3. Public Comment Period

None.

4. Review/Approval of June 18, 2018 minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Coffey/Anderson to approve the June 18, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

5. Report by Sub-Committee on Groundwater Report – Discussion/Action

The draft of the State of the Groundwater in Eau Claire County as updated by the ad-hoc committee was reviewed. The priority recommendations as discussed and outlined at the last meeting were incorporated into this draft of the report. Leonard reviewed each of the bulleted priority recommendations. The recommendation for systematically completing county-wide water testing was reworded and clarified. Grammatical and sentence errors were reviewed. Jennifer Eddy submitted further grammatical corrections just prior to the meeting. Leonard will incorporate these corrections.

6. Approval of Draft Report for Submission to Planning and Development and County Board – Discussion/Action

Leonard reviewed the time line for possible action at the Planning and Development Committee. Discussion and action by the committee would not occur until the August 14, 2018 meeting, with possible submission to the County Board at the August 21, 2018 meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Coffey to approve the State of the Groundwater in Eau Claire County report and to forward it to the Planning and Development Committee with the recommendation to submit the report for approval to the full County Board. Seconded by Anderson. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be August 20, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Eau Claire County Courthouse, Health Department room TBD to review the presentation of the report to the County Board. The next regular meeting was set for September 17, 2018.

8. Items for the Next Agenda

Preparation of a presentation of the State of the Groundwater report will be the main item for the next meeting.

9. Adjourn

Dunning adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "G".

Greg Leonard
Land Conservation Manager

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II. Priority Recommendations

The priority recommendations of the Groundwater Advisory Committee are focused on the understanding and continued protection of our precious groundwater. The goals have been divided into two sections, one focusing on groundwater quantity, and the second focusing on groundwater quality. As a natural resource, our groundwater quantity and quality can be interconnected, so there will be some overlap in some of the following goals.

Another set of priority recommendations of the Groundwater Advisory Committee is focused on groundwater education. The groundwater education recommendations are considered on-going tasks, but these priority recommendations are to establish the foundation of these educational components by the dates outlined. These recommendations will follow the quantity and quality goals. All the priority recommendation completion dates are subject to the availability of staff and funding resources.

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A. Groundwater Quantity Goals

- To better understand groundwater quantity, create a comprehensive county-wide groundwater flow model by December 2020. The flow model will include groundwater depth and recharge to better understand sustainability and susceptibility to land use and climatic impacts. Identify and pursue potential grants for updating the model by April 2019.
- To better protect groundwater quantity, review existing ordinances and regulations by December 2019. If existing groundwater quantity protection regulations are found to be inadequate, explore county regulation options, especially in relation to subdivisions and high capacity wells, by June 2021.

B. Groundwater Quality Goals

- To better understand groundwater quality on a county wide scale, systematically continue well testing, on a section by section grid basis, for nitrate, bacteria, and possibly other emerging contaminants, with completion of the entire county by December 2020.
- To better understand groundwater quality, define and map Groundwater Environmentally Sensitive Areas (GESAs) in relation to all land uses (residential, industrial, agricultural) by December 2020. Included will be a study to determine the risk for groundwater contamination from process water from sand mines and other industries.
- To better protect groundwater quality, review existing ordinances and regulations by December 2019. If existing groundwater quality protection regulations are found to be inadequate, explore county regulation options, especially in relation to subdivisions, industry, and agriculture, by June 2021.
 - Specifically, for agriculture, update the existing Animal Waste Storage Ordinance and

incorporate the existing Wisconsin Agriculture Performance Standards and Prohibitions (contained within Wisconsin Administrative Code NR-151) by June 2019.

C. Groundwater Education Goals

- Complete the Eau Claire County groundwater website with theory and principles of groundwater by June 2019.
- Provide home buyers, builders, and realtors with private well owners fact sheets and checklists to assist homeowners in groundwater protection by June 2019.
- Develop a format to publicly share local water testing results and increase awareness of other existing publicly available groundwater test results by December 2019.
- Increase partnership with towns, villages, and other municipalities to educate the public on how to keep water safe and the importance of well testing by December 2019.
- Develop fact sheets to assist the public to understand who has what regulatory responsibility for groundwater protection by June 2019.