

Groundwater Committee Meeting
Capital City Grille, Lansing, MI
February 7, 2006

Members Present: **Annable, Joel; Berkin, Ray; Brennan, Mike; Brown, Elgar; Erickson, Alan; Fisher, Brant; Hon, Kelly; Lovato, Joe; Page, Ronda; Peterson, Gail; Rich, Dave; Savage, Tom; Wahrer, Marc; Kukuk, Wayne; Kosmowski, Christine; Cipparone, Lori (Board Liaison); McNamara, Tim (Section Chair); and Koch, Dave (Section Chair-Elect).**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – (Annable)
2. Introductions
3. September 29, 2005 Minutes
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Water Legislation and Misc – (Koch)
6. AWWA 15th GW Conference – (Fisher and Brown)
7. 2006 Wellhead Protection Award – (Kukuk)
8. Source Water and Wellhead National Committees – (Brown)
9. 2006 Wellhead Protection Award Subcommittee – (Annable)
10. New Business

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Meeting called to order** by Annable at 1:15 pm.
2. **Introductions:** DeVries not present. Guests present included Cipparone, Koch, and McNamara. Starting from Annable, committee members went around the room and introduced themselves.
3. **September 29, 2005 minutes:** No minutes were issued from the last meeting and could not be approved. Brennan volunteered to do the minutes for the present meeting.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** We automatically approved agenda and moved onto discussion.

5. **Water Legislation and Misc:** Koch presented summaries of the following topics:

- *Water Legacy Act:* Overview.
- *Annex 2001:* Overview.
- *Position Statement:* Adopted by Board and should be wrapped up next week.
- *Water Utility Committee Webpage:* See for more information.
- *Discussion on Water Legislation:* Brown and Koch give overview and opinion of the new legislation. Koch mentions MML does not support amendments and notes that he will keep us up-to-date.

6. **AWWA 15th GW Conference:** Fisher and Brown discuss the following issues:

- *Confirmation of Speakers:* Fisher voices concern over not getting responses from speakers (Foote, Lusch, and Groenleer). Also, need CD's of their presentations to load on computer prior to conference.
- *Organization of Conference:* Fisher goes over the conference schedule.
- *Registration:* Committee members need to pay for registration; however, contact Brown or Fisher if financial accommodations are needed. Speakers get in free.
- *Volunteer Needs:* Brown will check with Eric to see what needs to be done and if volunteers are needed. May need 3-4 volunteers and will know 1-2 weeks prior to conference.
- *Other:* Moderators need to get bios from speakers. Ronda (Page) is the recipient of all conference materials and will provide a copyright form to the speakers, so the presentations can be available to attendees. Conference only 5 weeks away!

7. **2006 Wellhead Protection Award:** Kukuk notes applications will go out March 15th and have a May 15th deadline. Also, notes that there are ~135 approved communities and that K'zoo will be the National entry and Waterford will be the 2007 entry.

8. **Source Water and Wellhead National Committees:** Brown summarized the background of the National Source Water committee and how it compared to the Michigan Source Water committee and Wellhead/GW committee.

- Motion by Brown to Satisfy National needs by having joint meeting between Michigan committees in April or May 2006.
 - Seconded by Berkin
 - Voted and approved by Committee

9. **2006 Wellhead Protection Award Subcommittee:** Annable asked if any of the members would like to be on the Subcommittee. All 2005 members agreed to continue to hold their positions for 2006. Therefore, the following members represent the 2006 Wellhead Protection Award Subcommittee:

- Joel Annable
- Ray Berkin
- Gail Peterson or Tom Savage

- Marc Wahrer

Subcommittee decided to tentative plan on meeting to review WHPPs on Wednesday May 24th at 10 am at Constitution Hall.

10. **New Business**

The next Groundwater Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday June 19th at 10:00 am at Constitution Hall** as a Joint Meeting with the Source Water Protection Committee (date was finalized on 4/17/06). Annable thanked those in attendance for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at about 2:35 pm.

Submitted by,
Mike Brennan