

**AWWA Groundwater Committee Meeting
7/20/2007 Minutes**

Location: Idler Riverboat Restaurant, South Haven, Michigan

In Attendance: (Kelly Hon, Joe Lovato, Elgar Brown, Joel Annable, Ray Berkin, Alex Chimpouras, Dave Rich, Alan Erickson, Mike Brennan)

Business (11:00 AM to 12:30 PM)

1) AWWA Exemplary Wellhead Protection Award

The committee discussed nominees for the 2007-2008 Wellhead Protection Award. The City of Big Rapids and Calumet Township were the only communities that submitted applications. Some communities indicated they did not receive the application. Elgar Brown checked to make sure that all applications were mailed. Each application is mailed to the contact that DEQ has listed. Consequently, if communities would like to have a different contact person, they need to make the change with Wayne Kukuk (MDEQ Water Bureau).

The committee voted and decided that the City of Big Rapids should receive the Exemplary Wellhead Protection Award. The City has been a very proactive community, striving to make the Wellhead Protection Program Plan a "living" document. Ray Berkin made the motion and Elgar Brown seconded the motion.

2) Michigan Water Well Construction Code

Elgar Brown discussed the history of the Michigan Water Well Construction Code. There are several procedural issues that were not addressed in the 1994 document. Mike Gaber (MDEQ Water Bureau) is heading up the group that will oversee the revisions to the Michigan Water Well Construction Code. The GW Committee is one of the stakeholders. Consequently, he asked that the Committee review the document and provide him with comments to the revisions. At this time, the committee does not have any recommendations. Before the writing process, Joel Annable may be emailing the group to ask for comments. Elgar indicated that the timetable for the revisions is late 2007 or early 2008.

3) Groundwater Conference

The Groundwater Conference is scheduled for March of 2009. The Committee needs to begin thinking about possible speakers and sessions. At the next Committee meeting (during Joint Expo), we will need to have solid ideas about speakers and sessions. We will also need to narrow down the date. In the past, a Thursday/Friday conference worked best. A Monday/Tuesday conference was the least preferred.

Elgar will talk with Eric Way about confirming a date at the Kellogg Center. Possible issues include: water use, water withdrawal, water conflict and arsenic. Currently, the Groundwater Rule is being revised. Because it is scheduled to be completed by 2010,

that might be a topic of interest. Kelly will discuss the Groundwater Conference at the upcoming WHP Awards Luncheon/Management Seminar, scheduled for November 2007. If you have recommendations (speakers, topics), please email Joel.

4) Other Business

Introductions

We went around and everyone introduced themselves.

Upcoming Events

Kelly let everyone know about the 2007 WHP Awards Luncheon and Management Seminar scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2007 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

Next Meeting:

February 2008 in Lansing at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center (during Joint Expo)

Alex made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan seconded the motion.

Adjourned 12:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Hon