

## CITIZENS (WOOD COUNTY) GROUNDWATER GROUP MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 20, 2023

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Wood County Riverblock Building, Conference Room 206 & Teleconference via WebEx

**Present (In person or via WebEx):** Bill Leichtnam, Bill Clendenning, Gordon Gottbeheut, Bruce Dimick, Shane Wucherpfennig, Sandy Cain, Scott Bordeau, Ken Winters, Tim Wuebben, Rhonda Carrell, Tamas Houlihan, Katrina Shankland, and Ronald Hall

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Bill Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:**  
None
3. **Speaker—Vice Chair Bruce Dimick:**  
**Topic – “Planning for April 25<sup>th</sup> Conservation Lobby Day”.**
  - Katrina Shankland shared briefly, ideas on how to lobby our state representatives.
  - Her advice was to talk to all the legislators that represent Wood County and then to talk to those in surrounding regions, anyone in the Central Sands, especially those who serve on the Joint Finance Committee. The Joint Finance Committee is powerful and has the ability to allocate funds.
  - Bruce’s presentation included:
    - The League of Conservation Voters Priorities:
      - Clean Water – Emphasis on PFAS
      - Clean Energy
      - Democracy for all – automatic voter registration
      - Support Local communities – subsidized grant writing for clean water, etc.
    - Logistics and Priorities
      - Discussion took place on where to meet, whose vehicle would be taken and where to assemble near the state capital in Madison.
      - Nitrates & neonicotinoids in private wells-we need some solutions.
      - Neonicotinoids coating seeds for protection. What about safety?
      - Water tanks for all affected– government supported.
      - Three studies done on water issues, nitrates, phosphorus, bacteria. SWIGG study; Mark Borchardt-Kewaunee County study & Central Sands Nitrate and Neonicotinoids study.
      - Prevention is what is needed. We know where it is coming from. Expand on this. Who is responsible and should they pay? Canning companies need to be brought into the equation. UW need to update their recommendations to reflect modern varieties of plants.
4. **Approve Minutes of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting:**  
Motion by Rhonda Carrell to approve the minutes from February 20<sup>th</sup>. Second by Gordon Gottbeheut. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Correspondence/Updates/Handouts/Reports on Meetings Attended:**  
Thursday April 6, 2023 in Montello from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This is a public roll out of the Central Sands Nitrate and Neonicotinoids study.
6. **Future Speakers** – Suggestions welcome – May – Tracy Hames from Wisconsin Wetlands Association (arranged by Tamas Houlihan)
7. **Agenda Items for next meeting** (next agenda comes out one week prior.)

\*\*\*Please note, the next meeting would normally be April 17<sup>th</sup>, however, in April the meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup> in Madison at Conservation Lobby Day.

8. **Next Meeting** –Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 –Conservation Lobby Day – Leave Dimick’s house at 7:00am
9. **Adjourn:**  
Rhonda Carrell made a motion to adjourn. Ronald Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Notes by Victoria Wilson, Planning & Zoning Office