



DATE: Monday January 15, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Teleconference via WebEx

Present (In person or via WebEx): Bill Leichtnam, Shane Wucherpennig, Joe Ancel, Lance Pliml, Ben Jeffrey, Dave Joosten, Ken Winters, Gordy Gottbeheut, Rhonda Carrell, Bruce Dimick, Cecile Stelzer-Johnson, and Bill Clendenning

1. Chair Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Carrell/Winters to approve the minutes from December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Correspondence/Updates/Handouts/Reports on Meetings Attended
  - Leichtnam shared a temporary poster to promote the upcoming March presentation. He further shared a flyer from the Central Sands Groundwater Collaborative that is trying to promote the effort of the six counties, including Juneau, Adams, Waushara, Wood, Portage, and Marquette. The flyer highlights the mission and goals of the collaborative.
  - EPA to Minnesota: Take action to protect people from polluted wells in eight counties. A coalition of groups had asked the EPA to declare a public health emergency. Leichtnam shared part of the following article in regard to this situation:  
<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2024/01/05/lawmaker-raise-fertilizer-fees-to-help-pay-cost-of-nitrate-pollution>
  - Stelzer-Johnson shared an article from the WI DNR about the REINS act. **2017 Wisconsin Act 57**, known as the **Wisconsin Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act**, is a REINS-style state law signed by Governor [Scott Walker](#) (R) on August 9, 2017, that requires state legislative authorization of administrative rules that carry compliance and implementation costs of \$10 million or more over a two-year period. The law was modeled on a [proposed federal law with the same name](#).<sup>[1][2][3]</sup>
5. Report of CWG Subcommittee on preparations for panel/presentation
  - March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. is the official time of the meeting.
  - The meeting will be at the McMillan Library Fine Arts center.
  - Speakers have been secured. They are Dr. George Kraft, Meleesa Johnson, Ben Jeffrey, and Mayor, City of Wausau, Katie Rosenberg.
6. Continuing planning for Off-site Panel discussion in March, 2024
  - Publicity will be need to be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting which will be held on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at McMillan Library.
  - Discussion took place about the design of the meeting poster.

- Further discussion took place on which high-level state officials should be invited and which media outlets to contact.
7. Upcoming local and regional events to be aware of. None
  8. Agenda items for next meeting (next agenda comes out on week prior)- None
  9. Next meeting – February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. & schedule next subcommittee meeting
    - Events Subcommittee will meet in the McCourt room at McMillan Library on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
  10. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Notes by Victoria Wilson, Planning & Zoning Office