

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

January 13, 2016

Present: Francis Bell, Vern Johnson, Patricia Crowley, Daniel Moyle, Kevin Wordelman, Jim Pearson, Mike Leeuw, David Harn, Meredith Place, Andrew Nieboer

Absent: Jeff Sorensen, Richard Ford, Stephanie Moore

Environmental Health: Lynn Norman

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Citizen Comments			
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved for November 4, 2013		
4. Member Term Updates	Jim Pearson and Jeff Sorensen were reappointed.		
5. EH Proposed Program Changes for 2016: Surface Water & Non-Potable Water Well Permitting Program	There are two programs that will be brought to EHAC approval or comments for changes. Surface Water: Lab has had the privilege that is doing DNA testing on e-coli. Meaning that water, pool or surface water test the water has to be incubated for 24 hour then read. EH and the Lab is looking at DNA fragments in the water to use a more predicted model of the level of e-coli. EH and the Lab are working with the EPA. This will be a rapid test, and results should be done in a couple of hours. EH will also be doing an inspection of the beaches when the season begins to look at hazards and give a report to all operators with recommendations to lower e-coli. This will also be done at the end of the season. This will only be recommendations not requirements for the beaches. Also, suggesting that the advisory, depending on the e-coli level, go to the operator to put in the media if the choose to. EH		

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	<p>will put the advisory and maybe to the media if the e-coli level is over 1000. There is a stake holder group to look at the program for improvements. This includes Shannon from the state of Michigan. Shannon Briggs oversees the surface water program. The committee will be working on changes and brought to EHAC for approval or not. Once approved then it will go to the BOC</p> <p>Pat asked if there will be streaming sampling Vern said no.</p> <p>The other program that is being worked on is the Non-Potable Water Well Permitting. EH wants to inspect and permit non-potable wells. Kalamazoo is one of the few counties in the state that are not involved in doing this. A stake holder group is being put together which has members of DEQ, EH, agricultural and farmers and a geothermal installer. Vern thinks this might be brought back to EHAC in the fall and then to the BOC at the end of the year.</p> <p>Discussion was made from members</p> <p>Meeting scheduled: Jim said that EHAC used to meet once a month but there was a problem with getting a quorum. It was then decided to meet quarterly. Jim asked if EHAC would like to meet 6 times per year or leave it as is. Discussion was mad and by members and came to the conclusion to meet 6 times per year and cancel meetings if needed. Vern read the bylaws and stated that this will need to be changed. He will have a draft stating that EHAC will meet 6 times per year and have it at the next meeting.</p> <p>Jim encouraged members that if you have a topic to talk about in future EHAC meetings to send Vern an email.</p> <p>Kevin would like to see regular updates on statistics on what EH is doing.</p> <p>Vern said this used to be done but it was just widgets that meant something for EH but not necessarily for EHAC.</p> <p>Vern asked if EHAC would like to have a presentation about EH updates a couple times per year, or send out</p>		

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	information to members and if there are any questions it could be asked or talked about it at the meeting. EHAC agreed to get information ahead of time and also have hard copies at the meetings.		
6. 2016 Office Elections	Chair – Jim Pearson Vice Chair – Mike Leeuw Secretary – Pat Crowley		
7. Member Comments			