

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019
9:00 AM-10:00 AM
Health and Community Services
311 East Alcott St- Room 361- Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Members Present: Jim Pearson, Jeff Sorensen, Louis Parker III, Meredith Place, Julie Pioch, Michael Boersma, Vern Johnson, Francis Bell, Patricia Crowley, Andrew Nieboer,

Members Absent: Shannan Deater, David Harn, Kristi Lloyd, Mike Leeuw, Claudette Reid

Environmental Health: Lucus Pols, Jeff Reicherts, Doug Potter, Aaron Hoogenboom, Leah Erlandson, Jeff Parsons, Andy Carls

Also attending: Dan Wood, Elizabeth Rochow

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Citizen Comments			
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved for April 10, 2019		
4. EH Program Updates	Vern Johnson gave an update on Burroughs Corporation. The BOC gave approval for Burroughs to submit their application. It has been received by the County. A formal presentation by Burroughs Corporation may be given to EHAC in August or October. Jim Pearson asked if EHAC would get information to review before they need to vote. Vern said yes, the information will be sent out prior. Pat Crowley asked who the consultant is. Vern said a letter is sent out to numerous consultants asking if they		

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	<p>have any conflicts with Burroughs. If they do, they are taken off of the consultant list. Once the list is streamlined, then Burroughs chooses who they want to consult with.</p> <p>Vern Johnson was able to attend a City of Portage Water Treatment Plant Open House on Saturday May 18. The City posted it on their website for the public to view.</p> <p>Vern Johnson is working on the EH 2020 Budget and will be bringing any proposed fee updates and changes to the October meeting to share with the committee.</p> <p>Meredith Place questioned proposed EH fee increases. She requested seeing the EH 2020 budget in August or October, prior to seeing any proposed EH fee changes.</p> <p>Jim Rutherford gave a brief overview of why EH fees may need to be increased.</p>		
5. PFAS Update	<p>Jeff Reicherts gave an update on Richland, Cooper and Parchment PFAS. Currently in Richland the state has tested 10 surface water site locations. Richland is working on extending City water hook up to residents. He talked about the Nolichucky Site and pumping station #5. It is a land locked property within Georgia Pacific property. The state is PFAS sampling the site and monitoring it. The pumping station is used as a peeking water pumping station by the City.</p> <p>Pat Crowley requested bold street names be added to maps for presentations</p> <p>Vern Johnson commended the townships on all of their hard work with connecting residents to municipal water and explained how it is not costing the homeowners anything to hookup to municipal water and to have their wells plugged. Instead the townships are covering the cost</p>		

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	<p>in upwards of \$50,000 per home.</p> <p>Pat Crowley asked who was funding the municipal water hookups.</p> <p>Jeff Sorensen said currently they have applied for funding with EGLE to pay for the municipal water hookups. It may in the future, be funded by grants, rate increases to consumers, and possibly donations from Georgia Pacific.</p> <p>Francis Bell asked about new water field locations.</p> <p>Vern Johnson said there is a new water field location in Oshtemo, and a water tower on US-131.</p>		
6. Ticks & Zika Monitoring Update	<p>Leah Erlandson gave a presentation on Mosquito's and the Zika virus, Ticks and Lyme disease. She explained the different species of mosquitos and ticks. As well as what ones are more common in Michigan, carry disease, and the environments they like to breed in. She also explained about monitoring program she is conducting throughout the summer months on the Mosquitos and Tick population.</p>		
5. Member Comments	<p>Meredith Place-BOC has approved the budget for the new County Courthouse. They are now working on the plans and choosing contractors for the Courthouse. They will be starting budget season soon.</p> <p>Pat Crowley-She has scheduled a trip to Ann Arbor to look at a project for Water Level Monitoring. She gave an update on Eagle Lake. There has been very little change at this time.</p> <p>Louis Parker III-He attended his first task force committee meeting last week that included a lot of information about air quality testing. He will be sharing this information with the rest of EHAC via e-mail.</p>		

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	<p>Mike Boersma-The Road Commission may be closing additional roads in Oshtemo Township due to flooding. They are currently working on chipping and sealing of roads around the County.</p> <p>Jeff Sorensen-Cooper Township is installing sewer systems in the Riverview Drive area and 7 ½ miles of water mains in Cooper Township.</p> <p>Jim Pearson-Gave a City of Portage update. The City of Portage is changing their fireworks policy. He gave a short Brownfield redevelopment update. The next EHAC meeting will be held on August 14, 2019.</p>		