

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Health and Community Services
311 East Alcott St- Room 361- Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Members Present: Jeff Sorensen, Louis Parker III, Francis Bell, Michael Boersma, Patricia Crowley, Shannan Deater, David Harn, Vern Johnson, Kristi Lloyd, Julie Pioch, Claudette Reid

Members Absent: Meredith Place, Mike Leeuw, Andrew Nieboer

Environmental Health: Jeff Reicherts, Lucus Pols, Aaron Hoogenboom, Renee Code,

Also attending: Dan Wood, Erica Bays-Egle, Elizabeth Rochow, Jim Brody & Greg-Burroughs Corp., Barb-Prein & Newhoff

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Citizen Comments	No Comments		
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved for August 14, 2019		
4. Burrough's Corporation	<p>Jim Brody from Fleis & Vandenbrink gave a final GRZ presentation to the Committee on the Burrough's site. He covered the groundwater restrictive zone, the location, environmental history, groundwater flow & direction, contaminants and concerns, groundwater monitoring and answered questions from committee members.</p> <p>Vern Johnson gave an overview of the Burrough's application process and what the necessary steps are to get to this point and beyond. If the Committee votes to approve the submittal of the application, Burrough's next</p>		

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	<p>step is to present to the Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>Barb from Prein & Newhoff stated she agrees with approving the GRZ. She stated she feels the plume seems stable at this time, but no water wells should be drilled in this area to benefit the public's health.</p> <p>Pat Crowley motioned to vote to submit the GRZ application. Fran Bell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor of submitting the application to the board of commissions.</p> <p>David Harn abstained himself from the vote.</p>		
5. Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)	<p>Vern Johnson gave an update on the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) outbreak in Kalamazoo County. He shared how EEE is a very rare disease and only a few cases have been seen in Michigan in the past years, compared to this year's human and animal cases. He explained how the virus is spread from birds to mosquitos, and mosquitos to mammals and animals. Kalamazoo County was the only county not to aerial spray for the EEE Mosquito. There were enough residents within the County that opted out of their property from being sprayed, to make the aerial spraying impossible for a plane to spray properties wanting to be sprayed. He shared how the County is reaching out to municipalities to improve and put in place, better communication and education methods, in case an outbreak were to happen again.</p>		
7. Member Comments	<p>Patricia Crowley-Drain Commission is receiving a lot of law suits being filed against them.</p> <p>David Harn-There is a huge conference in Lansing this week with 600 attendees listening to a well-known PFAS attorney.</p> <p>Michael Boersma-Road Commission is starting their winter maintenance season.</p>		

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	<p>Claudette Reid-City of Portage has been busy with the mosquito outbreak. They have high ground water this year and are anticipating high ground water next year.</p> <p>Shannon Deater-City of Kalamazoo is busy with water issues like Lead, & PFAS.</p> <p>Jeff Sorenson-The next meeting will be held on December 11, 2019 @ 9:00am.</p>		