

## CITIZENS (WOOD COUNTY) GROUNDWATER GROUP MEETING

DATE: Monday, June 20, 2022  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Conference Room 114-Wood County Courthouse & Teleconference via WebEx

**Present (In person or via WebEx):** Bill Clendenning, Gordon Gottbeheit, Bill Leichtnam, Rhonda Carrell, Bruce Dimick, Tamas Houlihan, Shane Wucherpfennig, Victoria Wilson, Karoline Whitman, Kaylee Babich, Ben Jeffrey, Robert Sorenson, Carla Romano, Adam DeKleyn, Dave Joosten, Tim Wuebben, Chris Mechenich

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Bill Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** None.
3. **Speaker – Chris Mechenich, Wisconsin’s Green Fire**

WGF Work Groups: Air Quality, Aspiring Conservation Professionals, Climate Change, Contaminants of Emerging Concern, Energy, Environmental Education, Environmental Rules & Water Resources, Fisheries, Public Lands & Forestry, Public Trust & Wetlands, Wildlife

Current Workgroup Efforts:

Changes to the US Farm bill  
Incentives for farmers to meet conservation targets  
Manure treatment options  
Creating a “nitrogen speedometer”  
Analyzing CAFO nitrogen management

Shane shared similar programs for farmer incentives and nutrient management planning.

4. **Correspondence/Updates/Handouts/Reports on Meetings Attended:**
  - a. Bill Leichtnam shared an email he received from Wisconsin Conservation Voters regarding new PFAS standard levels. He will invite the Wisconsin Conversation Board to speak at the August meeting.
5. **“Action Items” proposed to CEED Committee by Wood County CGG:** None
6. **Roundtable:** None
7. **Announcements by members / visitors (upcoming related events / meetings)**
  - a. Tamas announced that the vegetable cropping, water quality outreach specialist position has been filled by a scientist from China. He begins 7/18 and will be focusing on nitrate pollution, working with on-farm trials in the central sands region.
  - b. Tamas states that they plan to take advantage of the grants available from the recent bill approved for the nitrogen optimization project, utilizing two of their researchers.
  - c. Tamas-Producer led water quality protection group is hosting a field day on 7/12. They are inviting other Central Wisconsin area producer led groups to a meet & greet to Little Plover River restoration site.
  - d. Tamas-Public outreach producer led event is being planned for first week in October at the Feltz Dairy Farm.
  - e. Bruce announced that the Energy Fair is coming up in Custer on June 24, 25, 26. He encouraged anyone interested in renewable energy to attend. Bill Clendenning added that this is the first year they are offering a free dinner to members (June 23) and encouraged members to attend if possible.
8. **Future Speakers:** Please contact Bill Leichtnam or Bruce Dimick with any suggestions for future speakers.  
July-George Kraft, Professor Emeritus at UWSP, speaking on Nelsonville’s contaminated drinking wells.

August-Bill Leichtnam will contact Wisconsin Conservation Voters.

9. **Agenda Items for next meeting:**

Agenda items should be submitted to Bill Leichtnam by the second Monday of the month.

10. **Next Meeting:** Meetings will be the third Monday of each month @ 2:00 p.m.

The next regular Citizens (Wood County) Groundwater Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. This will be an in person and virtual WebEx meeting.

Bill Leichtnam and Bill Clendenning will be absent from the 7/18 meeting, as they will be attending the WCA Educational Seminar: Addressing Groundwater Issues at the County Level: The Kewaunee County Experience. Bruce Dimick will chair this meeting.

11. **Adjourn Groundwater Group Meeting:**

Bill Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.
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Notes by Karoline Whitman, Planning & Zoning Office