

CARD Minutes
July 5, 2022 6:00 PM on Zoom
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The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Roger Rayle, who is in his 30th year as a citizen volunteer watching over this contamination site..

The June minutes were approved by the Board.

Jack Eaton moderated the meeting.

Old Business/ Action items:

Dan Hamel said there are no changes in the request for information of data from Gelman, until the appeal is complete.

MS4 and Gelman's submission of a GSI work plan has been reviewed by EGLE and Friday there is a meeting with WRD, the AG, and RRD for a response to this GSI work plan. EGLE will then meet with the polluter. Beth Collins asked if the public can get an update on these meetings in an email, and Dan said it won't be before the next CARD meeting, probably. Vince Caruso mentioned that last month Josh Moser of EGLE defined the conflict of these two programs. He feels there should be much more follow up with these items. This has been going on for many years now. Roger reminded us that there are other local governments (intervenors) that should be included in these meetings with Gelman, and they have not been invited, whether it's MS4 or GSI.

Patti McCall said that the City has chosen to end the wet basement testing program. Vince said this is a really bad idea and CARD should try to get the City to continue this testing, through our City Council representatives.

Patti had no update on the Sentinel Well program, a proposed bidder for the drilling will be going to City Council for approval soon.

EPA update from Joel and Congresswoman Dingell. They met with EPA and it happened to be the day before the new Scio Twp results were in. The contractor will be implementing the work plan by the end of summer and about two years until final NPL listing. Mrs Dingell and the EPA discussed doing this as expedited as possible. Vince reminded the group that the EPA discovered 1,4 dioxane at a site in northern Michigan and it sped up the process of Superfund when they saw this contaminant. Dan Hamel said he has been assisting the EPA on sampling information that may help assist them.

Intervenor update. Kathy Knol shared a brief that was filed with the Court of Appeals from the Intervenor, asking the court to direct Judge Connors to rule on the motion that was brought to him last month. This Thursday is an in person Court of Appeals and will be posted on YouTube 24 hours after the oral arguments. Gelman is attacking the Response Activity order from June 2021. She has heard that in 1-2 months they expect a decision. Jack Eaton put a link in the chat that will go to the motion from the Intervenor. CM Griswold will be going to Lansing on Thursday. Gelman will play this game in the courts and appeals to stall the proper clean up.

Scio homeowner drinking water wells and the new detections in 9 additional wells with the most recent round of sampling. Even further north of the last positive samples. The next

steps are that they had a meeting with the County Dept of Health and their consultant and they have not come up with a future plan. They now have 150 additional requests and are considering expanding the target area. Vince asked why Scio is doing the tests and why they are more sensitive and what the history is of this. This is the 522 method and consultants were advising that there were some key areas from experts on where to test (where the modeling showed).

KOC property discussion. There is new expert statement from Larry Lemke about the possible drinking water wells and any discharging of water too about the possibility of moving the plume and validates the reasons why the Lockwood project on Jackson had concerns about the stormwater infiltration system pushing water into the plume. James asked if there is a date at the Planning Commission to be reviewed again? Kathy said there is no date for the next review of this at Planning.

There are no new updates on an alternative water source for A2. There are many who oppose any tie into GLWA. Roger mentioned that EPA made PFAS a lower threshold and the great lakes have to be protected.

EGLE updates:

Dan Hamel gave us updates on the activities Gelman is implementing in the response activity order. They are still waiting for property owners access in some locations. They are also finalizing access with the City of A2 on some locations for the MW's and sampled down to bedrock. Dan showed us on the map the other areas and wells they are working on to implement the Rose Extraction well.

NPDES permit for the Parklake well has been submitted to WRD EGLE within the past month. The process has started and a draft permit will be submitted and then public comment will be permitted and they will also have a public meeting. The NPDES renewal into Honey Creek and it is still being worked on. It will also have public comment and a public meeting. Beth wanted to make sure that WRD knows the residents are requesting this Parklake permit be expedited, either yes or no, so the residents will know and not have to continually be harmed by this hanging over our lake.

TW 24 and 25 have been online now and it's high ppb are in the monthly EGLE database. He showed us more work and locations at the Core, a heated soil vapor extraction system and it will be capped off when complete. Vince asked how they will monitor the vapors and make sure they are not leaving the site during the remediation. The phytoremediation tree plantings are complete in one of the two phyto areas. Dan had pictures and showed us the work. Gelman cleaned out the red and green ponds recently and properly disposed of the sediment there. EGLE made it clear that they will be monitoring all of these areas, behind the fences, continually.

Dan gave a WCHD update on the homeowner well testing. They collected all the remainder of the 174 samples and will do the twice a year sampling in August for the wells which need that. They are meeting this Friday with EGLE and WCHD to go over the next years sampling areas. Beth asked if they will be using the new Scio positive readings from the 522 method, and Dan confirmed yes, they will be using this data for the 2023 testing areas.

EGLE met with Roger and is working with him to refine the Rockworks model. They will continue to meet to get the combined data. Dan hopes that this new map will be up soon.

Jack discussed with us the June 16 court case where Judge Connors denied the intervenors motion to have the polluter pick up its pace. That motion was predicated due to the polluter refusing to include the intervenors with updates and there are things in there that do discuss what they are doing in the clean up.

Chairs Updates and Notes:

Roger asked why the phyto does not cover all of pond 2? Dan did not know. How deep are the pipes? Dan said about 25 feet. Roger asked where the data is that says that they don't have to cover all of pond 2? Dan does not have this. Where is the sampling data to show if the phyto is working and this is part of the confidentiality agreement. Roger asked where the burn pit drill locations are now? Are these wells still there? We cannot find this data. Why no pumping from TW25 in May? Dan said because they had to treat that contamination into the system, so they did not violate the NPDES discharge. What happens to the residue in any of the unknown compounds during and after the pond cleanings? Dan said they are barrelized and disposed of properly. Did anyone do any other samples of these for other compounds? Dan said EGLE does do that.

Roger showed us on his Google Earth mashups the new Scio Twp positive wells and the tributaries that are where the pathway looks like it's moving. There are 4 positive wells close to the Huron River and 2 ¾ miles from the Gelman site. This is a surprise to everyone. He showed us the vertical profile and that it may not vent to the river when it gets there, it may go under the river and down the river towards US-23, continuing to spread unless it's cleaned up properly.

Roger has the Tableau public maps up to date now.

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Other discussion:

We discussed continuing Zoom meetings for now.

We discussed continuing the Wet basement testing. CARD will request this program be continued.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07

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