

CARD Minutes
March 7, 2023 Quarterly Meeting
[20230307 CARD/EGLE Quarterly Meeting via Zoom](#)

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 by Roger Rayle.

The February Minutes were approved by the Board.

Jack Eaton moderated the meeting.

US EPA Updates-

Georgia Frost is Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's appointee to CARD. She introduced herself and is trying to get caught up on the issue.

EGLE Updates-

Dan Hamel said there is no new update in the confidentiality agreement.

He said they are working right now on an agreement or a new CJ and negotiating with Gelman on this.

Dan showed us the monitoring areas and new installations. New sampling is being done quarterly and a new CJ will show the new monitoring plan. Roger told us about the 200 gpm (artificial limit) transmission pipeline was determined by Gelman. Beth mentioned that with the plume un-contained, why doesn't the State make them lay another line of pipes for extraction and treatment? Dan stated that the plume is not expanding according to concentrations above the criteria in CJ3 and Michigan Law (another reason the EPA can enforce more).

Washtenaw County residential well sampling of 244 will be done in April and May. If the well is found to be above 7.2 ppb, bottled water will be supplied to the home.

MS4/ GSI in Allen Creek drain- Dan mentioned that WRD and Evan Pratte are working with Gelman to remove this illicit discharge. Beth commented that this is the second year of "working on" a plan.....too slow, while the plume continues to migrate. There still is no work plan approved for the GSI plan.

NPDES permit renewal for Honey Creek is still being evaluated.

EGLE is working with AATownship on the sampling at Blueberry Lane. The EPA has done some split sampling with EGLE, too. These have all been non detectable to 1.9 ppb. There will be more split sampling in March.

Old Business/ Action Items-

Patti McCall said the 2 MW's in Garden Homes Park (sentinel wells) and she is working out a sampling plan, the City of A2 water dept will be sampling. Beth asked how they will be sharing the data, and Patti said she will be working with Brian Stegleitz on how to share the data and keep the stakeholders informed. They are working with EGLE to try to get a trend analysis and EGLE will have the data to keep in the same database, etc. Vince mentioned that there should be more shallow MW's in the west park area where shallow groundwater is a possibility of communicating with basements.

Yale Superfund Center met with Roger and he gave them lots of background info on the site and contamination. He will have a summary of the meeting, at some point. Rita Loch-Caruso told us that their budget has just been cut (through NIH).

Kathy Knol said that the Intervenor had a status conference on Feb 9 with Judge Connors and there is another on April 13. Judge told the parties that an answer is not required yet for the County's complaint and he asked the Intervenor to refrain from complaints due to the negotiations between EGLE and Gelman. The Intervenor has no say or discussion in these negotiations. The EPA has contacted Scio Twp and they shared all their well testing data. Jack mentioned that last night at City Council the Council voted to have the City Attorney take action to enforce the city's 2006 Settlement Agreement. James D'Amour asked Brian Negele if he could comment and he declined, due to them being in confidential negotiations with the polluter.

There is no update on the Scio KOC property.

Jack and James will be working on the Resolution to send to our elected officials. According to the political director at the Sierra Club, the polluter pay bills will be coming to the legislature soon, so CARD will send this out within the week.

Chair Updates-

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Roger is still working on updates to the Google mashup and other sources of data that SRSW/CARD uses. The naming conventions need working on to translate the exact locations. Maybe the Yale and EPA folks can help us in the future too.

We could still use a review of all these negotiations and CJ's (over the years) and if they help or hurt the cleanups of these "forever chemical" sites in the world.

Roger mentioned that this morning Gelman provided their February sampling results and because of the format, Roger has to parse the data, to analyze it. There are new high levels of dioxane: MW-130i has gone up 20%, MW-KD-1d is also at a high level. He has tracked it on the maps and the highest ever readings are significant and trend analysis is obvious. Contrary to what Gelman's predictions were of it not moving north, that is what is happening. EGLE's database doesn't include all of Scio's data yet.

We all voted to cancel the July meeting, which falls on July 4th this year. Kristen will update the County website.

It has been discussed to add two Board members at large to CARD. The bylaws will need to be changed and updated. Rita Loch-Caruso volunteered to help with the bylaws committee and to serve. Most thought this a good idea and could be done for our October election. Roger would like to see more residents (especially Scio) where the plume affects them, as well as more elected officials joining the CARD group.

Rita Loch-Caruso discussed that Jack, Roger and herself will be on a panel at the U of M School of Public Health Symposium on how communities respond to contaminations this Friday and it is open to the public. She has also been appointed to the State Public Health Advisory Council. She will serve starting this month for a one year term.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45

Minutes were compiled by Beth Collins, CARD secretary