

CARD Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM
[20231107 CARD Monthly Meeting via Zoom](#)

The meeting was called to order by Roger Rayle at 6:05 PM.

The October Minutes were approved by the Board.

Jack Eaton moderated the meeting. He introduced the Board members, who were just elected in October.

US EPA Update-

Nuria Muniz updated us that the Site Inspection Report has been completed and the site does qualify for USEPA Superfund designation, so it goes on to the next step. She showed us the flow chart of the next steps. The next one is State concurrence, which Phil Roos (director of EGLE) announced they will concur. The EPA will do a Doc Record next. There will then be a public comment period for 60 days.

Debbie Dingell's team had Zach Hayward with us. He said that Congresswoman Dingell is behind CARD and very thrilled with the results of the Site Inspection and the comment from Phil Roos. He praised the community leadership that helped us get to this point and Ms. Dingell will be involved going forward to continue to make sure it all is going through smoothly, etc. Kathy Griswold reminded us that we owe so much of this success to Debbie Dingell's advocacy. She worked with the local electeds to shepherd this along.

Dan Bicknell thanked Nuria for all the work she has been doing.

The updates were emailed to us from EGLE. [20231108 November 2023 CARD response.pdf](#)

Old Business/ Action Items

Washtenaw County-

Kathy Knol stated that Gelman has filed a summary disposition motion against Washtenaw County, and the County is responding right now. Beth asked about EPA stating that the polluter can litigate with the EPA and Nuria answered that there is a process they would have to follow and it's a little different with federal courts.

Yousef Rahbi mentioned that on the Wash Co Board of Commissioners, he is asking for full funding of three (environmentalists) full time positions in the Sustainability Office at next month's meeting.

Ann Arbor Township-

Mike Moran discussed the recent testing was all non detect. He was working on the Resolution for Gelman to have to pay for the homeowner well testing, when a resident requests. We had the document available to all for comments and the final draft will be sent around for the eligible voters to vote on. There was discussion and changed some of the wording at the meeting. Kathy Knol wants to take it to the Scio Twp Board for a vote as

well. Mike Moran said A2 Twp will do the same. Then we have to send to other local electeds and State level electeds as well. [CARD Resolution to establish a Residential Testing Program - Final Draft](#)

Scio Township-

No updates on KOC per Kathy Knol.

The Ann Arbor Water Focus Group is finished. They may continue in a different fashion, but it's currently done with its findings.

City of Ann Arbor-

We have a new representative from the City of Ann Arbor, per Brian Steglitz to Beth. Beth invited her to join and put on the CARDcore email list and the County Listserv email. Hopefully she joins us next month.

Executive Board-

Rita Loch Caruso mentioned that the Yale Center wants the top 3 “asks” from us, CARD. For an NIH grant, this could expand the center’s ability to study the Gelman site. Rita and Jack have a memo from a previous meeting they had with Yale. She will distribute to all and people could respond to the top 3 things on the list. A health effects study was one that we really wanted to do. Better modeling and studying the shallow groundwater for new exposure pathways. Sensors to detect 1,4 dioxane and sensors to remove dioxane. **Some really good ideas.

Heather Lauver’s draft study for her doctorate is almost complete. She will probably send it in December. We can share it widely, she is looking for people who do know something about 1,4 dioxane. We will send it to the CARDcore email list and into the community. Kristen Schweighofer and Rita Loch Caruso helped her with this and she is thankful.

James D’Amour is following the State Legislature’s Polluter Pay bills. 1½ weeks ago these bills were submitted to the state house and senate. He read us some of the words in them to the group and will keep us updated each month. He is also working with the Michigan Sierra club and Senator Jeff Irwin on this. Commissioner Yousef Rahbi, who sponsored this when he was in the State House, but they couldn’t get this re-introduced until the Dems flipped the House. SB #605-610. This definitely isn't a done deal and will probably have to be “watered down” and a long fight ahead with large stakeholders fighting this. The federal way to fight this will be better and echoed by Yousef, Dan Bicknell, and Glenn Hendrix (who worked at both CERCLA and EGLE/ DEQ) and the Federal Jurisdiction and overall clean up is better, but slower so that’s good we are finally in the process of EPA.

Should we cancel the Jan 2, 2024 Meeting? Everyone agreed, but The Board all agreed to keep the monthly meetings as scheduled, knowing that we can cancel throughout the year, as needed or wanted. Like we did in the summer once and will do the January.

Chair Updates [11/07/2023 CARD Meeting-Chair notes](#)

Roger has a good powerpoint showing the homes with newly positive wells in Scio and this pathway or channel the 1,4 dioxane is traveling to get to the Huron River. We don’t know where it will come up in the river. It could meander under the River and come up right at Barton

Pond? Worth keeping an eye on and why its so important to monitor with MW's and keep modeling this plume.

Roger is working on his Google Earth mashups and will have some new things to share soon.

Jeff Hayner asked Scio Twp what the capacity is for sewer and water that goes to Scio from Ann Arbor. This is being discussed often now, the KOC property could bring water out to them, but not the sewer. Kathy Knol said that Scio has a contract with the City for a designated area and the service area for the sewer is smaller than the water area. If Scio wants to increase the size it requires renegotiation with the City. She thought they were not even close to needing to renegotiate. A calculation the township civil engineers figure out the REU's.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM

The Minutes were compiled by Beth Collins