

Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2019 6:00pm | Nelsonville Village Hall

Members present: Lisa Anderson, Tor Anderson, Tarion O'Carroll, Josh Stolzenburg, Bob Conachan, & Caitlin Brillowski

New meeting time: First Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm at the Nelsonville Village Hall

New committee members: Welcome Maud and Bob! We look forward to working with you.

Some goals for committee:

- Healthy drinking water for all village residents; lower nitrate levels
- Education about nitrates
- Pool resources and investigate options for a public water resource
- Education about importance of testing well water
- Keep public informed
- Keep coordinating testing efforts

Discussion about Gordondale Farm Nutrient Management Plan

Discussion about wellhead protection ordinance in Amherst

- Rural Water Alliance may be able to help
- Possible public water source in village hall
- Portage County hearing about wellhead protection on August 21st at 7:00pm at Portage County Annex Building, rooms 1&2

Nitrate testing unit: Consider buying a nitrate testing unit

Nitrogen Use Efficiency: Discovery Farms researched nitrogen use, crop uptake, crop yield, and legacy nitrogen

Port Edwards wrote a resolution that asks for Wood County for help in protecting drinking water in private, rural wells. Discussion about how similar resolution could work in Nelsonville and how it relates to the siting resolution that was passed by the Village Board.

July well testing: Results presented and will be available on the village website; Repeat testing in three months?

October Committee presentation and update:

- October 3rd at 6:00pm
- We will look into having it at the Jensen Center
- Presenters:
 - Mark Borchardt – DNA fragment source testing
 - Bill DeVita – UWSP water lab and their source testing
 - Sarah Yang – toxicologist, Wisconsin Department of Health Services
 - Nancy Eggleston – Wood County Health Department
 - Possibly from someone from Discovery Farms?

Review of State of the Tomorrow River Address on July 25:

- TR water level is currently high but in overall good condition

- Shoreline restoration projects
- Trout fishing has improved
- Nitrate levels in river
- Discussion about high capacity wells and impact on river

Culligan RO system research: \$1,369 for system and owner is responsible for purchasing filters and membranes OR \$20/month which includes filters, membranes, and maintenance

Upcoming events:

- Portage County hearing on wellhead protection ordinance expansion: August 21st at 7pm at Portage County Annex Building, rooms 1 & 2
- Livestock siting hearings: attached

For next meeting:

- Consider how we can involve Wisconsin Land and Water and Midwest Environment Advocates in our committee efforts
- Review Port Edwards resolution and consider if we want to move forward with a similar effort

Next meeting: September 3 at 5:30pm at the Nelsonville Village Hall

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm