



**GROUNDWATER NITRATE WORK GROUP
MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2020 @ 8:00 AM
HARMONY TOWN HALL
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes - November 11, 2019 meeting.
4. Communications, Announcements.
5. UWEX-Youth Program Proposed Spending Authorization.
6. Project Area Producer – Summary of Activates on County Farm.
7. Monitoring Well Sampling Updates/County Wide Trends.
8. Producer Led Watershed Group Development – Update.
9. LCD – New Position Update.
10. Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location.
11. Adjourn.

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**GROUNDWATER NITRATE WORK GROUP
MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2019 @ 8:00 AM
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
JANESVILLE WI**

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 8:09 am.

Members Present: Nick Baker, Rich Bostwick, Wes Davis, Pat Mullooly, Chris Murphy, Lou Peer, Dave Rebout, Rick Richard, Al Sweeney, Tom Sweeney and Rick Wietersen.

Members Excused: Colin Byrnes

Others Present: Erin Conway; UWEX

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Rick Richard moved the agenda as presented, seconded by Dave Rebout. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting:** Lou Peer moved the minutes for the July 9, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Rich Bostwick. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Communications and Announcements:** Wes Davis noted that DNR will be holding a meeting in the near future regarding NR 151 scoping statement for groundwater nitrates.
5. **UWEX-Youth Program Proposal:** Erin Conway, UWEX provided an update on the proposal for Youth Education. Conway noted that she has reached out to schools that service students residing in the Turtle Creek Watershed, that being Beloit Turner and Clinton School Districts. It was noted that Beloit Turner is currently working on an educational unit about nitrates. Residents of rural areas of the Turtle Creek Watershed (non-municipal water supply) will be offered a well test kit for Nitrates. The students must obtain parents' permission for the water collected to be tested. Rick Wietersen noted that the Health Department has lowered their Nitrate Test cost by 50% for this activity. Erin Conway stated with the expected number of participants, the costs should not exceed \$2,000. She asked for financial support from the Workgroup. It was noted that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting. Rich Bostwick asked about Janesville Craig and Parker Schools since both have strong ag. programs. Erin Conway stated the two schools mentioned will act as pilots. Al Sweeney stated that after students complete the program efforts should be made for a presentation to the County Board.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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