

Michigan Groundwater Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Summary
of
September 20, 2006

Council Members

Jon Allan	Suhmed Bahl
Rich Bowman	Jim Cleland
James Clift	Jon Coleman
Kurt Heise	Rod Mersino
Thomas Newhof	Bill Pearson
Scott Piggott	Paul Seelbach
Dr. Alan Steinman	

Guests

Charles Denton
Patricia Fouchey DNR
Dave Hamilton MDEQ-LWMD
Bobbie McClead
Jim Nicholas USGS
Frank Ruswick

Introductions / Meeting logistics

Tom Newhof welcomed all present to the Prein and Newhof Building. We went around the table making self introductions.

Subcommittee Updates

Legal - James Clift informed the committee of the 13 scenarios that were sent out to the legal committee & GWCAC members. Clift is getting responses back.

Sustainability - Dr. Al Steinman spoke on the EPA Star Grant. The committee will not know until October if the EPA will fund the grant. Steinman can send a copy of the grant proposal to anyone who doesn't have one. If the grant is not approved Jon Coleman, Tom Newhof, Scott Piggott, and Dr. Al Steinman will go forward with a shortened sustainability study format.

Assessment Tool - Paul Seelbach lead a discussion regarding the assessment tool. The subcommittee is looking at four candidates to be the peer review panel. Within the next 2 weeks each candidate will be asked if they will be part of this peer review panel. These experts will be asked to donate their time. A small budget is available for travel, meals, parking.

Layout of the Entire Assessment Process - James Clift lead a discussion on the Assessment Tool / Diagram. The committee is working on a diagram that will be understandable to all. The tool will never be complete. It is a living document.

Guiding Principles – All Subcommittees are asked to send their list to Paul Seelbach & Kurt Heise.
The Guiding Principles should be based on the Council's new legislative charge.

Next Meetings - Wednesday, October 25, 2006, at the RAM Center in Roscommon.

Thursday November 30, 2006 at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids.

For December there will be a Conference Call on Tuesday December 19 at 9:00 AM.
Participants are to call Jon Allan.

The next an Assessment Tool Subcommittee meeting will be October 20 at 9:00 at the USGS Office in Lansing. After the October 25 General Council Meeting, GWCAC Members are being asked to attend an Assessment Tool Subcommittee Meeting.

Adjournment 2:30