

**DIRECTOR'S  
WATER WELL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WWAC)**

Teams Meeting  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
May 28, 2020

Members Present: Matt Bolang  
James (Matt) Gamble  
Buddy Sebastian  
Tony Drautz  
Laura Doud  
Dan Milan  
Erik Kleiman

Members Absent: John Schmitt  
Bob Webb  
Steve Buer  
Jim Welser  
Chad Brewer

Others Present: Dave DeYoung  
Anita Ladouceur  
Kathy Gardner  
Michelle Crook  
Carolyn Kreiger  
Mike Frederick  
Elizabeth Kalnins  
Eric Oswald

A. Call to Order at 1:04 p.m.

B. Introduction of Guests – None

C. Approval of Agenda – Approved as written.

D. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Approved as written.

E. EGLE Update – James (Matt) Gamble

1. Hiring freeze is on, budget is uncertain. 6.2 billion shortfall (10% of budget)
2. Staff have all been working from home for 11 weeks so far.
3. Driller registration process rescheduled from April to undetermined period of time.  
Looking at remote testing.
4. WMU/MGS still entering well records into Wellogic.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Ant infestation through well cap vent – Dan (Contact Bigfoot)
  - a. Bigfoot doesn't want to invest in a mold for a new product.
  - b. Dan will contact Wells regarding a 30 mesh screen and make sure a contractor can retrofit a Monitor caps.

2. Development of a Contractor Technical Advisory Group – Buddy
  - a. Flowing well group has been formed.
  - b. Abandoned wells group to be formed.
  - c. PFAS group to be formed. Lengthy discussion regarding permitting wells in PFAS areas.
3. Contractor exam revision (addition of service work questions) – Buddy/Dave
  - a. Chad and Steve to submit questions to EGLE.
4. Contractor buried pressure tank and associated pumping equipment installation guidance – Anita
  - a. Matt and Tony to reach out one more time to MALEHA's GW Committee and get final comments to EGLE.

#### G. New Business

1. Well drilling video
  - a. Looking at a site to do a trial run. Buddy will reach out to Chad and get back with Dave.
  - b. Initially, EGLE will put together a script for one module of the drilling video.
2. Part 127 Statute/Rule revision – Top Ten Lists
  - a. Buddy ran through EGLE's list and quickly commented on each item.
  - b. Buddy will share with the MGWA board.
3. MGWA Educational Conference – Buddy
  - a. 2019 conference went very well and MGWA received many good comments.
  - b. MGWA has a planning meeting in August for the 2020 conference.
  - c. MGWA needs to know as soon as possible if EGLE staff can participate in the conference at Marriott in Grand Rapids.
4. Water Use Advisory Committee – Buddy
  - a. Difficulty in matching well records with LQW registrations.
  - b. Some communities have been denied new well installations because they could not pass the WWAT.
  - c. Buddy serves on this committee and will update WWAC as needed.
5. Biodegradable muriatic acid – Buddy
  - a. Hartland Energies has a water-safe acid that they may try to get approval from EGLE for use in a water well.
  - b. Buddy will follow up with the company.
6. Midland County flooding – Dan
  - a. Media reported that wells have gone dry with no proof submitted to the LHD.

#### H. Other Business or Comments

1. Initial registration application review question and Policy/Procedure for exam application review – Matt G
  - a. The P/P documents the process we currently follow.
  - b. Added information on how long after a well record was submitted, a drilling machine operator or pump installer name can be changed.
  - c. Buddy will send to MGWA board for comments and get it back to EGLE in

mid-June.

2. Shur-A-Lock PVC well casing – Product Review (Handout) – Dave
  - a. Dave showed the Johnson product that meets all of the Part 127 specifications.
  - b. Dave talked about the ongoing Zilmet buried tank approval process.

I. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, September 24, 2020 (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

J. Meeting Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.