

Next Meeting: August 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Highlights and Discussions

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. – Ed Haapala, Chair
 - Roll Call
 - Bob Belair – present
 - Jerome Bivins – present
 - Ed Haapala – present
 - Maggie Hughes – present
 - Cheryl Porter – present
 - Tim Sikma – present
 - Bill Turner – present
 - Quorum was reached
2. Approval of March 22, 2021 Agenda – Ed Haapala, Chair
 - Moved: Cheryl Porter
 - Seconded: Tim Sikma
 - Motion Passed
3. Approval of December 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Ed Haapala, Chair
 - Moved: Bob Belair
 - Seconded: Jerome Bivins
 - Motion Passed
4. Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Update – Madison Merzlyakov, GLWA
 - Last state council meeting was held on February 16, 2021.
 - As previously mentioned, EGLE received funding, that can be used to hire a consultant to assist with creating a comprehensive public information and outreach program, about lead in drinking water, to serve the needs of the Water Supply Councils, water supplies and the public. A Task Force was formed that created a scope of work (SOW) for the consultant to perform. The Task Force delivered the SOW to EGLE staff at the end of January. The EGLE procurement staff will incorporate the SOW into a standard RFP and contract document which will be issued this spring.
 - The first webinar that the state council will host in 2021 will be regarding Action Level Exceedances – what they mean to residents and how to respond.
 - Newsletters are posted on the state’s council [website](#).
5. Current and Future Initiative – Madison Merzlyakov, GLWA
 - GLWA’s Water Supply Advisory Council now has a dedicated page on the glwater.org website: <https://www.glwater.org/wsac/>. The bylaws, meeting details and additional information about the council can be found on the website. Communities that are not required to have a council, are encouraged to link to the GLWA council website.

- Reminder of Lead Service Line Replacement Deadlines
 - Lead service line replacements requirement initiated (January 2021)
 - Lead action level goes from 15 ppb to 12 ppb (January 2025)
 - Complete Distribution System Material Inventory due to EGLE (January 2025)
- Resource: [Michigan.gov/MILeadSafe](https://www.michigan.gov/MILeadSafe)
 - Helpful site that is easy to use and a good link to direct residents to
 - It contains resources such as videos, fliers and brochures in multiple languages focused on educating the public about lead in drinking water and actionable steps they can take.
- Recent Webinars:
 - The Water Research Foundation hosted a webinar on March 4th regarding Lead Service Line Replacement. If you were not able to attend the slides and recording are [available online](#).
 - The webcast was mainly focused on Project #4713 and the report that was created through that project. It detailed case studies, field studies and a toolbox overview.
 - Flushing and grab samples were discussed in detail, so you if are looking for additional information, be sure to check out the webcast recording.
 - Lessons Learned that were shared include:
 - LSL Replacement record keeping is key
 - Providing incentives to residents to participate in a program can be helpful.
 - Multiple methods of communication with the resident is more effective
 - LSL replacement programs should be reviewed annually and should be flexible.
 - EGLE hosted a webinar on March 10th regarding Helping Communities Access Water Infrastructure Funding. If you were not able to attend, the slides and recording are [available online](#).
 - State Revolving Fund Dates & Deadlines were detailed:
 - By June 1, 2021 – Project Plans for the Clean Water SRF are due
 - By July 1, 2021 – Project Plans for the Drinking Water SRF are due
 - On or before September 15, 2021 – Target date for Final Intended Use Plans
 - The link to the webinar will be provided in the meeting minutes and contain all links to:
 - MI Clean Water Plan (EGLE Grants & Loans)
 - Drinking Water SRF
 - Clean Water SRF
- Other Suggested Initiatives:
 - None.

6. Other Business

- None

7. Public Comment

- None

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- At the next council meeting in August, an EGLE representative will attend to share about the Clean Water Ambassador Initiative.
- It is a statewide effort designed to improve transparency and communication concerning water quality in Michigan.
- There are approximately 150 Clean Water Ambassadors across Michigan. Any residents above the age of 18 years old are invited to serve as an Ambassador.
- 2021 Priorities include:
 - Increase awareness and transparency about drinking water quality in Michigan.
 - Ensure Michigan residents are informed how to report drinking water quality concerns in Michigan.
 - Support and promote policies and legislation that protect Michigan drinking water quality.

9. Council Member Remarks:

- Tim Sikma – Thanks GLWA staff for helping with providing LCR templates
- Maggie Hughes: Asked some clarifying questions to other council members about the process of lead service line replacement, asking for clarification in terms of who pays and what can she expect as a resident that might need a service line replacement.
 - Council member Jerome Bivins walked through his community's process, explaining that the resident is not responsible for the cost and how Inkster is working with trenchless technology to minimize disruption to their residents when doing a replacement.
- Ed Haapala: Encouraged communities to include some type of messaging on their websites detailing their lead service line replacement plan, so that residents can reference it.

10. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

- Moved: Jerome Bivins
- Seconded: Bob Belair
- Motion Passed