

**GLWA Water Supply Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes – Finalized 4.19.2022
August 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**



Next Meeting: April 19, 2022, 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
 - Ed Haapala – present
 - Cheryl Porter - present
 - Bob Belair – present
 - Jerome Bivins – absent
 - Maggie Hughes – absent
 - Tim Sikma – absent
 - Bill Turner – present
 - Quorum was reached
2. Approval of August 16, 2021, Agenda – Ed Haapala, Chair
 - Moved: Cheryl Porter
 - Seconded: Bob Belair
 - Motion Passed
3. Approval of March 22, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Ed Haapala, Chair
 - Moved: Bob Belair
 - Seconded: Ed Haapala
 - Motion Passed
4. Clean Water Ambassador Program – Emily Posthumus, EGLE
 - The program is one year old with 150 ambassadors in the state that meet monthly
 - It is a statewide effort designed to improve transparency and communication concerning water quality in Michigan. Clean Water Ambassadors play a vital role in ensuring that drinking water programs and resources are accessible and effective.
 - Provides the opportunity for ambassadors to give feedback on communication methods and on relevant projects.
 - A new advocate fair will be hosted soon.
 - To become a Clean Water Ambassador or to learn more, visit their website or email EGLE-CleanWater@michigan.gov
 - https://www.michigan.gov/cleanwater/0,9779,7-411-98112_98374---,00.html
5. Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Update – Madison Merzlyakov, GLWA
 - Since this council last met the state’s council has met twice, in April and June.
 - Newsletters from those council meetings are posted on the state’s council [website](#). The website will be undergoing some revisions to accommodate all related materials and information.
 - Reminder that GLWA’s council has our own website as well:
<https://www.glwater.org/wsac/>

- The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the public outreach consultant was published in June 2021.
- EGLE provided an update and overview of the Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) that are required of communities.
- The state is readjusting their meeting schedule.
 - The August meeting was pushed to September 10th and will be in-person. However, they are working on a virtual meeting option.

6. Current and Future Initiative

a. 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)

b. Corrosion Control Optimization Study Update – Nichole Sajdak

- GLWA is working with Member Partner communities to capitalize on the lead service line replacement programs by harvesting the materials.
- Once the service lines have been harvested, they are cut open and the scale is analyzed to better understand what impact of the corrosion control.
- The following communities are partnering with GLWA:
 1. Detroit
 2. Farmington
 3. Hazel Park
 4. Melvindale
 5. Plymouth
 6. Pontiac
 7. Royal Oak
 8. Warren
 9. Ypsilanti

- GLWA is also taking service line samples and installing them on pipe loop rigs throughout the region to run additional testing.
- GLWA is also participating in a Water Research Foundation (WRF) project (Project # 5081) that will provide guidance to utilities that will be doing pipe loop rigs in the future. We will share our process and lessons learned.

c. AWWA Regional Membership – Cheryl Porter

- GLWA has partnered with the American Water Works Association to pilot a regional membership model for GLWA Member communities. Membership will provide access to AWWA's extensive educational, best practice, and training resources. We are excited to offer this pilot to our member partners. We believe that by having access to the same information and opportunities will help aid in ensuring messaging remains uniform and consistent throughout the region.

d. Water Quality: A Shared Responsibility – Cheryl Porter

- Our regional transmission and local water distribution systems operate as a large, single system to deliver treated drinking water to consumers' taps. Protecting water quality along the way is the responsibility shared between the water service provider (GLWA), the member communities and the consumers. Everyone has their part to play to protect our drinking water. We will use this section to highlight some ways that consumers can help to do their part to protect water quality in the region.

- GLWA has a series of educational videos that can be found on our [YouTube page](#). We encourage communities and individuals to share these videos to help educate the region.
- [How to determine your home's service line type](#)
- [Collecting water samples to be tested for lead and copper in a home with lead service lines](#)
- [Collecting water samples to be tested for lead in copper in a home with steel or plastic service lines](#)

7. Other Business

- Council Seats 2022:
 - Council terms are for two years. Madison Merzlyakov will be reaching out to each council member to confirm ability to continue their participation in the council.
 - If others are interested in serving, please contact outreach@glwater.org.
- PFAS:
 - GLWA has received their PFAS results for 2021 which are non-detect. Public Educational Materials on PFAS can be found on the glwater.org website under "Member Partner Resources". A communication will be coming out soon announcing the 2021 results.

8. Public Comment

- Eric Tucker, Benesch:
 - Is it too late for communities to participate in the lead service line harvesting for the corrosion control study?
 - A: No.

9. Next Meeting: To be determined

- Madison Merzlyakov will coordinate a poll to determine 2022 meetings.
- Council members confirmed their desire to meet twice per year and for those meetings to be held virtually.

10. Council Member Remarks

- None.

11. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.