GLWA Water Supply Advisory Council (WSAC)
Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
April 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.



Next Meeting: September 6, 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
    - o Cheryl Porter present
    - o Bob Belair present
    - Jerome Bivins absent
    - Maggie Hughes absent
    - o Tim Sikma present
    - Mark Gaworecki present
  - Quorum was reached
- 2. Approval of April 19, 2022, Agenda Ed Haapala, Chair
  - Moved: Bob Belair
  - Seconded: Tim Sikma
  - Motion Passed
- 3. Approval of August 16, 2021, Meeting Minutes Ed Haapala, Chair
  - Moved: Tim Sikma
  - Seconded: Cheryl Porter
  - Motion Passed
- 4. Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Update Dan Gold, GLWA
  - Since this council last met the state's council has met seven times, once a month from October 2021 through April 2022.
  - Agendas, Minutes, and Newsletters from those council meetings are posted on the state's council <u>website</u>.
  - Dan Gold attended the State Council meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, where the focus was on the preliminary results of a statewide survey conducted by Gud Marketing on behalf of the State, to investigate outreach and education practices, and public attitudes and perceptions related to Michigan's drinking water supply.
  - A copy of the presentation on Gud Marketing's preliminary results is posted on the GLWA WSAC Website: <a href="https://www.glwater.org/wsac/">https://www.glwater.org/wsac/</a>
  - The next Statewide Council meeting is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **5.** Current and Future Initiative Cheryl Porter
  - 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 (Jan 2025)



- b. Corrosion Control Optimization Study Update Cheryl Porter
  - This study is voluntarily funded by GLWA
  - GLWA is working with Member Partner communities to capitalize on the lead service line replacement programs by harvesting their 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.
  - GLWA is also doing this work with multiple kinds of piping materials from our own system to ensure that we get the best results.
  - The common goal for this work is to get the lead out of the system
  - Corrosion control works to create a protective coating that seals the lead into the pipe and keeps it out of the water.
  - Requires maintaining pH levels and orthophosphate dosage at the treatment tap.
  - Study looks at the optimization of phosphate. This is a good tool to control drinking water pH, butcan cause an issue for on the wastewater side of things, where operators need to remove phosphate. This study is looking at the optimal dosage to balance these considerations.
- 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.
  - Currently, 557 GLWA Member Individuals have taken advantage of this
    opportunity and are AWWA Members. That is approximately 43% of our total
    goal for increased Membership. Additional employees at GLWA and our
    Member Partner Utilities are encouraged to sign up.
- d. Water Quality: A Shared Responsibility Cheryl Porter
  - Protecting water quality 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.
  - Responsibility shifts at the master meter location. At that point responsibility for water quality is transferred from GLWA to the receiving Member Partner.
  - The responsibility shifts once again when that water enters a private residence. What you do in your home can impact water quality, so it is important to know what your pipes are made of, and their condition.
- 6. Other Business
  - None
- 7. Public Comment
  - None
- 8. Next Meeting: September 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
- 9. Council Member Remarks
  - None.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

