GLWA Water Supply Advisory Council (WSAC)
Meeting Minutes – *Finalized 5/3/2023*
September 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: TBD, Spring 2023

Meeting Highlights and Discussions

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. – Ed Haapala, Chair

2. Roll Call- Dan Gold, GLWA
    - Ed Haapala – present
    - Cheryl Porter - present
    - Bob Belair – present
    - Jerome Bivins – present
    - Mark Gaworecki – present
    - Maggie Hughes – absent
    - Tim Sikma – absent
    - Quorum was reached

3. Approval of September 6, 2022, Agenda – Ed Haapala, Chair
    - Moved: Mark Gaworecki
    - Seconded: Cheryl Porter
    - Motion Passed

4. Approval of April 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Ed Haapala, Chair
    - Moved: Cheryl Porter
    - Seconded: Jerome Bivens
    - Motion Passed

5. Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Update – Dan Gold, GLWA
    - Since this council last met the state's council has met four times, monthly from May 2022 through August 2022.
    - Agendas, Minutes, and Newsletters from those council meetings are posted on the state's council website.
    - An upcoming state meeting is September 21st,1-3:30pm; in-person or Teams option
    - At the most recent State Council meeting on August 24th the agenda included updates from EGLE and a presentation from Gud Marketing on their research into public attitudes and perceptions related to Michigan's drinking water supply.
    - EGLE is nearly done with the summer 2022 lead and copper rule sampling. The results will come in September and October and guide the next steps.
    - EGLE is currently undertaking a rules review for the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act that includes closed stakeholder sessions, open public meetings, and an opportunity to submit written comments.
    - Gud marketing has completed their survey work and has moved on to a 3-day focus group that will further explore perceptions of household water quality, levels of concern for contaminants, use of tap water and filters, and expectations for local information.

- Focus groups comprise 30 individuals from all over the state, with multiple representatives from southeast Michigan communities.
- The next Statewide Council meeting is scheduled for September 21st, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

6. Current and Future Initiatives

a. Reminder of Lead Service Line Replacement Deadlines – Cheryl Porter
   - 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. Updated LCR Compliance Sampling Requirements – Cheryl Porter
   - With EGLE's new rules, member communities will now have corrosion control requirements
   - Optimal water quality parameters have been established for all drinking water supplies. These include values for pH and Orthophosphate Residual *(see presentation for details)*
   - It is a Treatment Technique violation if any ten days, within six months, have daily values outside of the ranges or below minimum values.
   - It is recommended that exceedances are addressed quickly, same day if possible.
   - Corrective actions may include flushing as necessary at the tap, through the main, or through the section of the distribution system.
   - GLWA can provide sampling support for member partners when an exceedance is triggered at a single site or multiple sites.
   - GLWA will notify the community when samples are outside the established limits as soon as possible.
   - Communities will provide remediation at each site out of compliance.
   - Additional support will incur additional costs (sampling and FTE)

c. Corrosion Control Optimization Study Update – Nichole Sajdak, GLWA
   - 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.
   - GLWA's goal was to harvest 100 lead service lines, and we were able to acquire 119. 35 of the lines are galvanized.
   - Galvanized piping is included in the study because of its tendency to accumulate particulate lead when located downstream of lead.
   - There are 10 pipe rig locations; five at water treatment plants, and five at distribution locations. Each location has four rigs, capable of holding up to 10 pipe samples of any material
   - The study remains ongoing, results will be reported at future meetings.

d. AWWA Regional Membership – Dan Gold
   - 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, 686 GLWA Member Individuals have taken advantage of this opportunity and are AWWA Members. That is approximately 53% of our total goal for increased Membership. Additional employees at GLWA and our Member Partner Utilities are encouraged to sign up.

7. Other Business

- Committee and Chair positions will remain as is for the next WSAC meeting in spring 2023. Potential changes to the roster and assignments will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

8. Public Comment
- None

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10. Council Member Remarks
- None.

11. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.