

**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF DODGE)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2017-07 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole May 23, 2017, in the County Board Room at the Dodge County Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 4:30 p.m. CDT. Chair Tim Tjosaas opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present:	John Allen	District #1
	Tim Tjosaas	District #2
	Rodney Peterson	District #3
	Rhonda Toquam	District #4
	David Kenworthy	District #5
Members absent:	None	
Also present:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Becky Lubahn	Deputy Clerk
	Paul Kiltinen	County Attorney
	Dean Schrandt	Water Program Manager

Water Program Manager Dean Schrandt provided the Board with a water monitoring update.

Water Monitoring Update

Mr. Schrandt reported water monitoring serves many purposes for the county and its citizens. As guided by the County Water Plan, monitoring efforts provide data valuable in eliciting grant opportunities, participating in government agency programs, and promoting public health and education.

Dodge County Environmental Services is involved in a number of water monitoring programs in connection with programs and initiatives associated with a variety of government agencies.

The purpose of the water monitoring update was to describe the goals of the various monitoring programs, provide some of the pertinent results, and give the Board an idea of the future of water monitoring in the county.

Mr. Schrandt shared with the Board several reasons why they monitor water in Dodge County:

- To assess and protect public health
- To support existing grants and programs – and promote possible extensions
- To promote public education and participation
- To explore new grant possibilities
- To support water plan objectives

The Water Program Manager shared information on the following:

Water Monitoring  
Update - Continued

- Private Well Testing
- Nitrate Contamination
- Bacteria Contamination
- Dodge County Wells with High Nitrate Levels
- Woodchip Bioreactor and Saturated Buffer
- Minnesota Nutrient Reduction Strategy
- Transparency Tube Sampling Stream-Bottom Bug Sampling
- Promoting Public Education and Participation
- Transparency Tube Readings
- 2016 Dodge County Bug Monitoring Sites
- Middle Fork Zumbro River
- Masten Creek
- Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network and Results
- Surface Water Nitrate at Bug Sites
- Expanded Well Monitoring Program (with Minnesota Department of Agriculture)
- Continuous Monitoring Station Near Byron Sportsmen’s Club
- Sampling Sensors

The Board thanked Mr. Schrandt for the update.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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**TIM TJOSAAS**  
**CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD**

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**BECKY LUBAHN**  
**DEPUTY CLERK**

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