

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2007-06 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole March 27, 2007, Meeting Convened in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Don Gray opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CDT.

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present: Klaus Alberts District #1
Lyle Tjosaas District #2
David Erickson District #3
Don Gray District #4
David Hanson District #5

Members absent: None

Also present: David McKnight County Administrator
Becky Lubahn Deputy County Clerk
Dean Schrandt Environmental Technician/Educator

The Environmental Technician/Educator provided the Board with an update on ground water trends in Dodge County.

Dodge County
Ground Water Trends
Update

Dean Schrandt reported that this information was last presented before the Board in 2004. The purpose of the presentation was to emphasize new findings and future plans.

The Environmental Technician/Educator stated that although they do not know what the quality of the ground water and surface water is in Dodge County or if the quality is improving or worsening, they do have a better understanding of how to find answers to those questions and have begun to implement the programs and processes needed to provide that information.

Mr. Schrandt shared with the Board the following statistical information:

- 3,200 rural households in Dodge County.
- 2,100 wells have been given an identifying number.
- 1,700 wells have been located.
- 1,400 wells have known depth.
- 800 wells have known depth and water quality.

The Environmental Technician/Educator noted that the information presented is based on households that have had well tests.

Mr. Schrandt discussed with the Board nitrate contamination, bacteria contamination, underlying bedrock layers in Dodge County and future ground water efforts.

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Update - Continued

The Environmental Technician/Educator ran out of time and was asked to finish his report on surface water at the next County Board meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Schrandt for the update.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DON GRAY
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: