

MUSKEGON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2021 via Conference Call

In attendance: Amy Haack, Vicki Luthy, Chris Qew, Carly Hysell (aka Hines), Janet Vail, Dan Sorek, Eric Gielow, Tanya Cabala, Elaine Eisley, Amanda St. Amour

- 1) Call to Order by Haack followed by Introductions
- 2) Additions/Changes to Agenda: None
- 3) Acceptance of Minutes from November 11, 2020. Motion to accept by Qew, Support by Sorek. Motion Carried.
- 4) Approval of Treasurer's Report: Balance as of November 2020 \$994.27. \$25 Disbursed for Web Domain. Balance as of May, 2021 \$969.27. 2021 Tax Form Filed. Motion to approve by Luthy, Support by Sorek. Motion Carried.
- 5) Old Business – Consensus to keep domain name for possible future sale use. WMSRDC currently hosting website.
- 6) New Business - None.
- 7) Presentation by Dan Sorek, Prein and Newhoff: Information on current grants and funding for Municipal Storm Water, Sanitary Sewer and Drinking Water repairs and improvements. Updates on the City of Muskegon, Norton Shores, Muskegon Heights and Whitehall. Digital Mapping and Critical Asset Inventory development continues. Capital Improvement plans to help smooth out rate fluctuations. Planning into future to be based on 1986 and 2019 high water and flow models so resiliency can be built into future projects. Noted that high water tables backed up into basements and discharged via floor drains to the sanitary sewer – creating excess loading (30% of the sanitary sewers in the city of Muskegon are taking on storm water).
- 8) Round Table –  
Luthy: Have stormwater decals. Let her know if you need some or want a storm drain targeted.  
Qew: County Drain Commission has been renamed to Water Resource Commission.  
Cabala: Hosting regular discussions on climate change and local action. Contact her to join/help with sessions.  
St. Amour: Available for assistance and planning associated with Community Storm Water Permitting  
Hysell: All Household Hazardous Waste collection events and tire recycling events are scheduled. Check the Muskegon Public Works website.  
Haack: On behalf of the West Michigan Clean Air Coalition – be sure to take appropriate actions on hot and hazy days to prevent driving ozone and particulate levels over safe thresholds.
- 9) Adjourned

Next Meeting August 10, 2021

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