

Subject: RE: Resolution 55-19
Date: Monday, November 11, 2019 at 4:02:55 PM Central Standard Time
From: Tom
To: Kriss Marion
Attachments: C6B1F3E4957745C7ACD3056B4D0B3FEC.png

Looks like the attorney's led them to the light of day today on their resolution lol. Not related to Bob Cullen as far as I know. Sure wish we could have gotten you over the finish line in last years election Howard makes me sick. Have a good day

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Kriss Marion
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019 2:20 AM
To: Tom
Subject: RE: Resolution 55-19

Thanks for reaching out, Tom! Are you related to Bob Cullen, by any chance? We were in a band together for years.

It is comical and terrifying at the same time. Won't fly in court, but the message has already been delivered to the supervisors and employees. Talk to the press at your own peril. And to the state study group: don't release your own information or write a press release.

Chilling.

K

From: Tom <tcullen001@centurytel.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Kriss Marion
Subject: Resolution 55-19

Hello Kriss,

Thanks for bringing this to the publics attention, this is wrong on many levels. The opening with whereas, in the past, Southwest Wi. Has been falsely slandered by the press due to a county board leak of confidential information of the collaborative three county water study. Who supposedly falsely slandered southwest Wi. ? Who are they targeting for the county board leak of confidential information? Why is it the press's fault they are only practicing their first amendment rights?

This sounds like Iraq's ministry of information under Saddam Hussein. The public has the right to know all of the reports findings. Not a gerrymandered review from the county board. I know what Jack Sauers and his cronies interpretation will be. Looks to me like they are trying to preemptively lay the ground work to attack a county board member. Who's views don't align with theirs.

Every resident of Lafayette county deserves the right to know what's in our water the whole study results. I believe it to be the farmers of the county, and ag business affiliated supplier's And some industrial company's who would want to stop some information. From coming to the public's attention. Let us remind them that through the USDA crop insurance program over 62% of the farmers crop insurance premium is paid for by the US taxpayer. Then there are all the other subsidies for farmers that we the taxpayer pay. Not to mention our municipal water utility bill. So I think we the public are true Patriots Also and demand the right to know what's in our water. The socialist farm bailout has cost the US taxpayer over 28 billion dollars. That's twice the amount of the auto bailout of 2009. Which was paid back in full by the auto industry. How come the farmers always take from the taxpayer but never attempt to pay back. At least they could let us know what's in our water. If you're a farmer socialism is the norm and they seem to think it's some God given right. Now they want to take it to another level of dictatorship and censorship.

Only in Jack Sauer's Lafayette County could something like this happen it's almost comical and terrifying at the same time. I doubt it will have any merit in a court of law. If we have to someone In the county needs to start a GoFundMe account to take this on in court. Please keep us informed on this resolution

We need progress not regress in Lafayette County

Tom Cullen
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Subject: RE: resolution
Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 2:17:40 PM Central Standard Time
From: Carla Jacobson
To: nrussell russelllawofficeswi.com
Attachments: image001.jpg, image002.jpg, image003.png

Okay. So you don't want this one right? ☺

From: nrussell russelllawofficeswi.com [mailto:nrussell@russelllawofficeswi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:08 PM
To: Carla Jacobson <Carla.Jacobson@lafayettecountywi.org>
Subject: RE: resolution

You don't need to respond to him.

From: Carla Jacobson <Carla.Jacobson@lafayettecountywi.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:07 PM
To: nrussell russelllawofficeswi.com <nrussell@russelllawofficeswi.com>
Subject: FW: resolution

Let me know if you want a copy of this one.

Carla

From: Carla Jacobson
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:06 PM
To: 'nrussell russelllawofficeswi.com' <nrussell@russelllawofficeswi.com>
Subject: FW: resolution

From: Carla Jacobson
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 12:03 PM
To: 'Neal Pattison' <nealmedia@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: resolution

Good Afternoon Mr. Pattinson:

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. The Courthouse was not open yesterday and I just saw your email. The LC Committee met this morning. I do not attend those meetings. It is my understanding a revised resolution was presented and approved and will now go to County Board this evening for final approval. I am still waiting to get the revised resolution from the Land Conservation Department.

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From: Neal Pattison [<mailto:nealmedia@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019 3:17 PM
To: Carla Jacobson <Carla.Jacobson@lafayettecountywi.org>
Subject: resolution

Carla,

I hope you see it as part of your job to let members of the committee know that they are being ridiculed and denounced across the United States for the conservation committee's resolution:

"Under no circumstances is the media allowed to glean information and selectively report it in order to interpret the results for their own means."

Really? I assume someone -- at least one solitary person -- in the county has actually read the U.S. Constitution. And I assume at least someone in the county courthouse is aware that other public officials and public agencies have often tried to "manage" the information flow to

citizens. (***Managed information***, of course, being a polite term for state-controlled propaganda.) And some of these public figures and bodies were actually as powerful and resolute as the great Lafayette County Conservation Committee.

And they all have failed.

Citizens in Lafayette County should be ashamed of their leaders.

Neal Pattison
Washington state

Subject: FW: Res. 55-19 as Amended
Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 1:54:30 PM Central Standard Time
From: Carla Jacobson
To: nrussell russelllawofficeswi.com
Attachments: image007.jpg, image008.jpg, image009.png, Resolution 55-19 (Amended 11.13.19) FINAL.doc

Hi Nathan:

Attached is what Abby and I believe to be the most recent resolution. Also, see email below.

Carla

From: Carla Jacobson
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 12:16 PM
To: Terry Loeffelholz <terry.loeffelholz@lafayettecountywi.org>; Kim Winslow <kim.winslow@lafayettecountywi.org>
Subject: Res. 55-19 as Amended

Hi Terry and Kim:

Attached is Resolution 55-19 which was approved last night as amended and then tabled at the County Board meeting. I think it would be best to have the LC act on this resolution just to clear up all the confusion.

Let me know your thoughts. ☺

Thanks Terry and Kim.

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Subject: RE: Tomorrow's Land Conservation Committee meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 11:53:29 AM Central Standard Time
From: Carla Jacobson
To: Beck, Molly
Attachments: image001.jpg, image002.jpg, image003.png

Hi Molly:

I just got your message. Yes the meeting took place and a new resolution was approved and will go to County Board this evening for final approval.

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From: Beck, Molly [mailto:MABeck@gannett.com]
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019 4:01 PM
To: Carla Jacobson <Carla.Jacobson@lafayettecountywi.org>
Subject: Tomorrow's Land Conservation Committee meeting

Hi Carla,

I hope you're doing well.

My name is Molly Beck and I am a reporter with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. I'm wondering whether tomorrow's 8:30 a.m. land conservation committee meeting is still taking place? I see the agenda is still posted but an AP story says the meeting has been canceled.

Thank you!
Molly

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Subject: Re: Very Interesting LCC meeting on 11-12-19
Date: Friday, November 8, 2019 at 10:57:03 AM Central Standard Time
From: Marci Hess
To: Kriss Marion, Jim Hess

FYI -- Rona Gant is FB friends with me, so Jed may already know this is happening. We're wondering if Iowa and Grant have signed off on it since they seem to be included as if they have.

On Fri, Nov 8, 2019 at 7:42 AM Marci Hess <mhess5599@gmail.com> wrote:

This is uber curious. How enforceable is a resolution? And is this in response to the one media who misinterpreted the results or did something more happen?

On Thu, Nov 7, 2019 at 7:27 PM Kriss Marion <Kriss.Marion@lafayettecountywi.org> wrote:

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From: Kim Winslow

Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2019 4:20 PM

To: Max Blackbourn; Terry Loeffelholz; (editor@myrjonline.com); t.maggied@swwrpc.org; rep.novak@legis.wisconsin.gov; monica.olsen@wi.usda.gov; melissa.bartz@wi.usda.gov; matthew.singer@wisconsin.gov; lktrumble80@gmail.com; Kriss Marion; mblb@lagrant.net; Ed James (jamesej@hughes.net); Andy Schilling; John Bartels; Leon Wolfe; carmenkmcdonald@hotmail.com; Nathan Russell; Amy Fedi. Schulte

Subject: LCC meeting 11-12-19

There will be an LCC meeting Tuesday morning, November 12, 2019 at 8:30am in the Lafayette County Courthouse-County Board Room.

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Subject: Very Interesting LCC meeting on 11-12-19
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 4:56:28 PM Central Standard Time
From: Kriss Marion
To: Bob Boyle, Rita Buchholz, Robert Laeser, Steve Spensley, Jon Hochkammer, Ursula Fecht, maidmarion@circlemfarm.com, Scott Laeser & Chelsea Chandler, Marci Hess
Attachments: 11.12.19 LCC agenda.pdf, Res 55-19.pdf

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On Wed, Nov 13, 2019 at 3:07 PM Kriss Marion <Kriss.Marion@lafayettecountywi.org> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kim Winslow <Kim.Winslow@lafayettecountywi.org>
Date: November 13, 2019 at 1:30:12 PM CST
To: Kriss Marion <Kriss.Marion@lafayettecountywi.org>, Terry Loeffelholz <Terry.Loeffelholz@lafayettecountywi.org>
Subject: RE: resolution #2 and SWIGG

The remaining balance for the SWIGG is \$460 (shown at the bottom of the spreadsheet in the previous email)

From: Kriss Marion
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 1:18 PM
To: Kim Winslow; Terry Loeffelholz
Subject: resolution #2 and SWIGG

Hi, all!

Please send me the resolution that was on the desk of the supervisors when they arrived at the committee meeting yesterday. Thank you.

And please send me the total that we still need to pay for SWIGG 2019.

Thank you.

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Subject: RE: SWIGG

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 1:35:56 PM Central Standard Time

From: Terry Loeffelholz

To: Katherine Abbott, Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI

Jim Winn was at my LCC September meeting and said LASA would pay \$5000 in 2020 if the county payed the remainder. So far it is still in the budget. I was out this morning and when I got in the County Clerk was asking about having this resolution on the County Board agenda for Tuesday. Was just wondering if you had both seen it.

Thanks

Terry

From: Katherine Abbott [mailto:Katherine.Abbott@iowacounty.org]

Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2019 12:59 PM

To: Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI; Terry Loeffelholz

Subject: RE: SWIGG

I heard from Lynda, then my County Administrator, then my LCC chair, and finally my board chair (this morning). I think perhaps one of the middle two shared my concerns with the board chair. He said it's not meant to criticize how we handled things but to try to control "leaks" (of which I said there wasn't one, especially in August when we didn't send LCCs any info ahead of time) and to try to control the messaging. I said we could control who we send a press release to, but we can't control how journalists write their stories or who picks it up once one paper publishes something. He seemed to agree that a press release is good to avoid an open records request that might result in even worse data interpretation. He also said he didn't like that some people are trying to use our study for political gain. I think it's more that our study adds to the overall information about water quality in our state, about which, yes, some politicians and journalists definitely have an agenda.

He said our corporate counsel is working on language, so I'm guessing the draft resolution that went around will be changed quite a bit. I also asked that he keep the County Cons in the loop and allow us to provide input on the language. We'll see if that happens. I'd rather Iowa County stay out of it but I guess that's up to the supervisors.

I didn't expect any issues around this study to come up until the next round of data is released! But I guess with budget time it is very much on the minds of board members, especially in Lafayette County. Any news on the SWIGG funding in your budget Terry?

Thanks,
-Katie

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From: Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI <Lynda.Schweikert@wi.nacdnet.net>

Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2019 12:37 PM

To: Terry Loeffelholz <Terry.Loeffelholz@lafayettecountywi.org>; Katherine Abbott <Katherine.Abbott@iowacounty.org>

Subject: RE: SWIGG

If you are referring to the media release resolution? Then yes

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From: Terry Loeffelholz <Terry.Loeffelholz@lafayettecountywi.org>

Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2019 12:34 PM

To: Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI <Lynda.Schweikert@wi.nacdnet.net>; Katherine Abbott (Katherine.Abbott@iowacounty.org) <Katherine.Abbott@iowacounty.org>

Subject: SWIGG

Have either of you got anything from your County Board Chairperson about the water study?

Thanks

Terry

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Subject: RE: SWIGG Media Resolution

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 10:59:34 AM Central Standard Time

From: Terry Loeffelholz

To: Borchardt, Mark, KENNETH R BRADBURY, Katherine Abbott, MAUREEN A MULDOON, Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI

CC: Bradbury, Ken, Joel Stokdyk, slaeser@cleanwisconsin.org

The Resolution was tabled last night at County Board. Mark no need to be sorry I understand.

Thanks Terry

From: Borchardt, Mark [mailto:mark.borchardt@usda.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 8:44 PM

To: KENNETH R BRADBURY; Terry Loeffelholz; Katherine Abbott; MAUREEN A MULDOON; Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI

Cc: Bradbury, Ken; Joel Stokdyk; slaeser@cleanwisconsin.org

Subject: RE: SWIGG Media Resolution

All,

I agree with Ken's comments.

My lab doesn't have the time, inclination, or necessity of getting into a battle with Lafayette County.

My understanding is the county itself has not contributed any funds to the study; the funds in hand are from LASA I believe.

My preference would be to meet our obligations to the private well owners in Lafayette County who kindly volunteered, send them their results from August and analyze the samples collected last week, then focus on Iowa and Grant counties.

Sorry Terry, but I believe it is no longer viable to conduct the study in Lafayette County.

We can increase the sample number in Iowa and Grant counties and be just fine in meeting the study objectives.

Mark

From: KENNETH R BRADBURY <ken.bradbury@wisc.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 2:27 PM

To: Terry Loeffelholz <Terry.Loeffelholz@lafayettecountywi.org>; Katherine Abbott

<Katherine.Abbott@iowacounty.org>; MAUREEN A MULDOON <muldoon@wisc.edu>; Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI <Lynda.Schweikert@wi.nacdnet.net>

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Subject: RE: SWIGG Media Resolution

Terry and all-

Here are my initial thoughts on this Resolution by the Lafayette County LCC. I have been asked by a reporter to respond, but so far have not. Below is what I'd propose to say; if any of you have other opinions please let me know ASAP. I'll address them point by point.

1. The dissemination of future test results will be limited to the Lafayette County Conservationist, the Lafayette County Land Conservation Committee Chair, and the Lafayette County Health Department. Known hereafter as the "Review Board of the Water Quality Study." They will review the tentative results, discuss issues

surrounding interpretation of the tentative results, and issue press releases when appropriate.

This point isn't workable. Because this is a multi-county study, any results we choose to release will be shared simultaneously with all three counties as well as with the press and others as appropriate. Speaking for WGNHS, we are public employees and our work is public work. We cannot choose to release some data to some parties and not to others. Our only contractual obligation at this point is to Grant County, and that obligation is to eventually release the data to Grant County. The most common practice in University research is not to release any data until after the completion of a project and the publication of a report or journal article. Such reports would be public documents not subject to any local review.

2. Lafayette County Land Conservation Committee members, as well as other members of the Lafayette County Board, will be informed of the study results when the public is informed.

This is exactly what we have done, and will continue to do.

3. When information is made public, all Board members, committee members, county officials and county employees shall encourage members of the public including, without limitation, members of the press, to review and disseminate complete and accurate information concerning the information and the water study.

This is reasonable, and hopefully no different than current practice.

4. In the event that a conference is held to distribute results, invitations will be extended to local TV stations, radio and news outlets. The conference will do a complete review of the whole test process and the expectations for the release before any further information is given. The press will be given an official press release provided by the Review Board following any conferences that are held, which will include information from the study in its entirety.

If Lafayette county itself sponsors a conference then it is appropriate for the county to establish the game plan for that conference. However, the research team may present and/or discuss results at other conferences or meetings that Lafayette County does not control or sponsor.

5. No board member, committee member, county official or county employee is authorized to make any public statement regarding the water study without the authorization of the Review Board. Any board member, committee member, county official or county employee violating this process may be subject to discipline.

No comment.

Ken

From: Terry Loeffelholz <Terry.Loeffelholz@lafayettecountywi.org>

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 1:22 PM

To: Katherine Abbott <Katherine.Abbott@iowacounty.org>; MAUREEN A MULDOON <muldoon@wisc.edu>; Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI <Lynda.Schweikert@wi.nacdnet.net>

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Subject: RE: SWIGG Media Resolution

This is the Resolution that Lafayette County Land Conservation voted on this morning. Will go to County Board tonight.

Terry

From: Katherine Abbott [<mailto:Katherine.Abbott@iowacounty.org>]
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019 10:23 AM
To: MAUREEN A MULDOON; Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI; Terry Loeffelholz
Cc: Bradbury, Ken; Joel Stokdyk; Borchardt, Mark; slaeser@cleanwisconsin.org
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Thanks Maureen. Can someone send us an update on the budget? I thought the planned County funds covered all the microbial sampling, so if not I'm wondering which line items have changed.

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From: MAUREEN A MULDOON <muldoon@wisc.edu>
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To: Katherine Abbott <Katherine.Abbott@iowacounty.org>; Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI <Lynda.Schweikert@wi.nacdn.net>; Terry Loeffelholz <Terry.Loeffelholz@lafayettecountywi.org>
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Hi Katherine,

In the past, including the Kewaunee County project, we have provided the funding entity with a table of all of the specific well results – in a list, with no identifying location data and no identifying owner information. That is what we did in Kewaunee and it is what the WGNHS has done for previous projects that involved sampling domestic wells. For the WGNHS projects we have sometimes provided a generalized map of the sampling locations, but at a scale that it is not possible to tie a specific result to a specific home.

I have been working on the proposals and budgets for the supplemental funding from DNR and also on the year 3 contract for the counties. I put one round of microbial sampling in the DNR proposal/budget. The DNR is asking for more detailed locations and we are currently negotiating on that topic.

Maureen

From: Katherine Abbott <Katherine.Abbott@iowacounty.org>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 3:31 PM
To: MAUREEN A MULDOON <muldoon@wisc.edu>; Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI <Lynda.Schweikert@wi.nacdn.net>; Terry Loeffelholz <Terry.Loeffelholz@lafayettecountywi.org>
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Thanks Maureen. Perhaps we should have a discussion about the data so we all have it clear, but with multiple funding entities and taxpayer money involved, basically I would think it's everyone's data (except for landowner/location-specific well test results). Our funding agreements don't specify though. Joel and Mark, how did data sharing or "ownership" work in Kewaunee County?

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From: MAUREEN A MULDOON <muldoon@wisc.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Schweikert, Lynda - NRCS-CD, Lancaster, WI <Lynda.Schweikert@wi.nacdnet.net>; Katherine Abbott <Katherine.Abbott@iowacounty.org>; Terry Loeffelholz <Terry.Loeffelholz@lafayettecountywi.org>
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Subject: RE: SWIGG Media Resolution

Thanks Lynda,

Scott sent the Lafayette resolution to the researchers yesterday evening. I have not replied because I don't have much to say. They will either pass it or not and then we have to deal with it. It does bring into the open the question of "Whose data is it?" I'm having somewhat related conversations with the DNR in regards to the supplemental SWIGG funding that they are supposed to provide.

Maureen

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Subject: RE: SWIGG Media Resolution

Just an FYI, incase you hear about the media resolution being proposed in Lafayette County, that this issue has not been put on any agenda currently in Grant or Iowa County or has it been asked by any County Board Supervisor to take action at this time.

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Abby Haas

From: John Meyers <Supervisor14@iowacounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 10:26 PM
To: Emilee Fannon; Larry Bierke; Katherine Abbott; gollon@frontier.com
Cc: Abby Haas; Bob Keeney
Subject: Re: contaminates in SW wells
Attachments: SWIGG Press Release 29JULY2019 Final For news.pdf

Emilee

Thanks for doing this. I am merely defending the good work of the SWIGG Committee and the joint efforts of Grant Lafayette and Iowa Counties. These people deserve a chance to explain the study and the status of the study which is far from complete. It's too bad when people draw conclusions that are contrary from a well written press release- please see the press release attached. Please use this as a resource. The Dubuque Telegraph Herald was the only member of the media present at the press release. They did a very accurate report on the study. Bob Middendorf, WGLR radio also did an accurate report. There has been some good reporting done outside Milwaukee and Madison.

County Administrator Larry Bierke, County Conservationist Kathryn Abbott, or I will be more than happy to steer you in the right direction in order to get to the people who are directly involved in this ongoing study. You will be able to track the progress of the study. You might note that approximately 25 years Iowa County did a similar study and the results were very close identical to the recent phase 1 of the study. The conclusion is while the wells have not gotten worse, they have not gotten better either. Phase 3 may more closely pinpoint the reasons for the contamination.

The AP conclusions were selected from Phase 2, a narrow sampling of wells which were **already identified as contaminated in phase 1**. It really no surprise when wells that tested positive for contamination in phase 1 were confirmed in 32 out of the 35 wells. The wells that tested negative for contamination did not move on into phase 2 because that would be pointless to move wells clean of contamination into phase 2 of the test. Right now we are concentrating on contaminated wells only.

Someone is feeding bad information to the Journal Sentinel and the AP. This is tragic that this was sent nationwide. The AP report is 100% contaminated. Our reputation has been tarnished forever. I saw the bad article in the Chicago Tribune!

We look to you as an investigative reporter to shed the light of the truth on this matter. How we clear our reputation from this bad publicity is an unknown.

I have cc'ed Lafayette and Grant Counties and the Iowa County Land Conservation Chair, David Gollon in along with County Administrator Larry Bierke and County Conservationist Kathryn Abbott

Thanks again

John Meyers
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From: Emilee Fannon <efannon@wkow.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 11:52:10 AM
To: John Meyers
Subject: contaminates in SW wells

Hi John,

I received your contact from our Anchor/Reporter Jennifer Keilse regarding well reports in SW Wisconsin. I've been working on this issue for the past two weeks with Clean Wisconsin and two lead researchers on the study.

I'm hoping to connect with a well driller/company to talk about the evolution of contaminates in wells and wanted to reach out to let you know (as I may reach out again) once I get together my sources.

Thanks for reaching out this weekend and hope to stay in touch. If you have any recommendations for the story let me know!

Emilee Fannon

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Abby Haas

From: Robert Keeney <rkeeney@co.grant.wi.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 7:42 AM
To: John Meyers; Abby Haas
Subject: RE: Resolution

John,

I appreciate the information. I agree that we need to be on the same page and I feel it is important that LCC staff be included. Lynda, Katie, and Terry have been key to making this study happen. Let me know what I can do to help.

Bob

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From: John Meyers [mailto:Supervisor14@iowacounty.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 9:14 PM
To: Abby Haas; Robert Keeney
Subject: Re: Resolution

Hey Abbey

I Hit send too early---

continuation.....

I thought Jack was working on it. The gist of what we discussed was that any release of information should be exact in nature and not open to being misconstrued. Also penalties for leaks to the media. Especially when the information leaked is erroneous.

It might have something to do with Board Rules changes that would excommunicate a Board member or censure them.

Something like this

Whereas in the past, SW Wisconsin has been falsely slandered by by press due to a county board leak of confidential information of the collaborative 3 county water study the following protocols must be followed.

- 1) Future test results will be limited to the 3 county board chairs (or designee) and the respective County Conservationists. (possibly the LCC chairs). Known as the "Review Board of Water Quality Study" They will review the results, talk about interpretations, and possible press releases.
- 2) Because of the past leaks, LCC members will only be informed when the public is informed
- 3) An appropriate statement will be crafted by the Review Board. It will be crafted in a press release and shared with the press with specific instructions on how to handle it---ie. include a backgrounder on the entire process. Stress to the media---Under no circumstances are they to be allowed to glean information and selectively report it in order to twist results. We will invite local TV stations radio, news outlets. Our conference will do a complete review of the whole test process and our expectations for the release before we give any further information. Maybe make the press sign a cooperation agreement that they include the entire study. Threaten to prosecute them for slander.
- 4) Any board member caught distorting information intentionally will be censured from their respective board and publicly admonished.

I included Bob Keeney, Grant County Chair, as he shares my frustration with the crazy politically motivated slanted news outlets

Might sound crazy but it is a start

John

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From: Abby Haas <Abby.Haas@lafayettecountywi.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 11:37:05 AM
To: John Meyers
Subject: Resolution

John,

Jack said you were working on a resolution for how the press is handled in regards to the Water Study Information. Could you please forward me what you have so I can present it to our committee? Thanks!

Abby

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