

MINUTES

CARD Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Washtenaw County Western Service Center, Room 2010

Present: Bob Bailey, Dan Bicknell, Vince Caruso, Elizabeth Collins, Jennifer Conn, James D’Amour, Monica Haddox, Dan Hamel, Jeff Hayner, Laura Hindle, Kathy Knol, Rita Loch-Caruso, Shana Milkie, Matt Naud, Max Pettibone, Roger Rayle, Jim Schulz, Kevin Thompson, Diana Wright

Meeting called to order by Roger Rayle at 6:05 p.m.

1. We did introductions.
2. Minutes from the 9/04/18 CARD meeting were approved.
3. As this was the annual meeting, we held elections. The current officers were all re-elected: Roger Rayle as chair, Michael Moran as vice-chair, Vince Caruso as treasurer, and Shana Milkie as secretary. The board also re-confirmed Jennifer Conn as executive director.
4. Dan Bicknell and Roger Rayle presented information about the request for VOCs and SVOCs testing (volatile organic compounds and semi-volatile organic compounds) at the Gelman site.
 - a. Buildings #1 and #3 were sampled in 2015. They have now been redeveloped into the 2|42 Church and the Michigan Innovation Headquarters and are occupied. The sampling indicated the presence of about twenty VOCs. The VOCs are probably related to Gelman operations but no studies have been done yet. The 1985-1987 testing also showed the presence of VOCs, but only dioxane was selected for future sampling.
 - b. Dan took the group through his document “Sampling and Analysis Outline Study.” He noted that it would not be much additional work to sample for VOCs when Gelman is already sampling for dioxane. He asked CARD to vote on whether to submit this request formally to the DEQ. After some discussion, the group decided that it needed more time to read and understand the document. We agreed to hold the vote by e-mail.
[update 10/12/18: An e-mail vote was held October 5-8. Of the seventeen people who were eligible to vote on this issue; nine voted and all voted yes. That is a majority, so Roger Rayle submitted the request to the DEQ. Two more people who tried to vote had technical difficulties, but they too indicated support for the action, which makes a total of eleven supporters. The support was unanimous among all who responded.]
5. Dan Bicknell and Kristen Schweighofer talked about the issues list. In order to aid in communications with the EPA, it would be helpful to separate the general CARD concerns from the “community issues” as identified by the EPA. We decided to table further discussion of the list until December.

6. Porter St. pump house: Jeff Hayner noted that the parcel, which is currently in Scio Twp., may be annexed into the City of Ann Arbor. Kathy Knol shared some background about the pump house modifications. In September of 2017, representatives from Gelman approached Scio Twp. about doing improvements to the facility, which would consist of adding a second pump but not increasing pumping capacity. The first meeting was vague in details, so Scio Twp. requested additional representatives to answer questions. On 5/31/18, Scio and Gelman had a second meeting which provided more detail. The pump house would be increased in size from 100 to 200 square feet and a second pump would be added as a backup (pumping capacity would not change). Also, the electronic controls would be modified. Doug Lewan, township planner, worked out a permit after the meeting. Roger Rayle requested a schematic of the changes and noted that CARD should know the details about the affected pipes. Previously the northern transmission line failed and needed to be re-lined; and the southern pipeline also had problems. It took many months to resolve the breaks in the pipelines because there was no backup plan.

7. PFAS at Gelman core – item tabled until November.

8. Questions from chair Roger Rayle:

a. The database is missing several locations. For example, GSI-98-02, a boring that was drilled in 1998, had sampling results of 7000-8000 ppb that weren't included on cross-section diagrams until 2007-2008.

b. The 17-inch borehole for the Phase II transmission pipeline / horizontal well might have created a man-made channel of water flow and a preferred path for the nearby 7000-8000 ppb dioxane to travel faster towards Evergreen. Dan Hamel maintained that the borehole was completely mudded during and after the boring to prevent such flow. (Review of the pipeline details needed.) Dan Hamel also observed that according to the Consent Judgment, this area is allowed to have contamination. He recommends that we concentrate on other areas, e.g. shallow water testing and the edges of the Prohibition Zone. Roger replied that it's important to compile all information about what we know now.

9. DEQ updates from Dan Hamel:

a. Dan completed the surface water sampling at eighteen locations scheduled for 9/18/18 and 9/19/18. He wanted to test during a low-flow time of year. He will receive the data back in a week or two. The data from this testing, along with the August regular sampling, will be posted soon.

b. Dan will be split sampling some monitoring wells at the end of October or early November.

c. A draft of the DEQ quarterly report is ready; Dan plans to post the full report in mid-October.

d. Jennifer Conn completed sampling of 208 residential wells.

e. DEQ is working on the plan for 2019; approximately 117 wells are proposed to be tested.

f. There is contamination in Waterworks Park. DEQ is talking with Gelman about possible additional monitoring wells as part of the negotiations.

g. There is a public meeting on 10/4/18 in the Norton Creek area.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m

Next Quarterly CARD/DEQ Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. (please note that the meeting is pushed back from the first Tuesday)

Next regular CARD meetings:

- Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by CARD secretary Shana Milkie with input from the CARD board.