

DRAFT MINUTES
EAST LANSING AND MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL
December 16, 2021

The meeting was held at the Hannah Community Center (819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823).

Present: Nicole McPherson, (Director, East Lansing Public Works); Ron Lacasse, (Infrastructure Administrator, East Lansing Public Works); Chuck Peterson, (East Lansing resident); Bradley Brogren, (Meridian Twp. resident); Jim Cleland, (East Lansing resident); and Jim Ecklund, (Meridian Twp. resident).

Absent: Derek Perry, (Director, Meridian Twp. Public Works); and Brock Howard, (East Lansing resident, and citizen representative).

Also Present: Clyde Dugan, (Manager, East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer Authority, ELMWSA); Pamela Wygant, (Administrative Assistant, ELMWSA); Joel Martinez, (Assistant Manager, ELMWSA); and Cynthia Roper, (East Lansing resident).

CALL TO ORDER

Nicole McPherson called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone in the room introduced themselves and their affiliations. The Water System Advisory Council (WSAC) was established in accordance to the Michigan Lead and Copper rule. At least one annual meeting is required.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The group decided to use Roberts Rules of Order for the meetings, on the suggestion of Clyde Dugan. The group added additional members to the committee.

MOTION: NICOLE MCPHERSON MOVED, SUPPORTED BY CHUCK PETERSON TO ADD RON LACASSE AND CYNTHIA ROPER TO THE WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

The following officers were nominated:

Derek Perry – Chair Ron Lacasse – Vice-Chair Chuck Peterson – Secretary

MOTION: JIM CLELAND MOVED, SUPPORTED BY BRADLEY BROGREN TO ELECT DEREK PERRY AS CHAIR, RON LACASSE AS VICE-CHAIR, AND CHUCK PETERSON AS SECRETARY. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ron Lacasse resumed as acting Chairman.

AGENDA OVERVIEW

MOTION: NICOLE MCPHERSON MOVED, SUPPORTED BY JIM ECKLUND TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

WATER SYSTEM BRIEFINGS

East Lansing: Ron Lacasse stated that East Lansing has approximately 7,500 total service lines. To date 273 lead or galvanized services have been identified, of those 106 have been replaced. Also, 1,293 service lines have had their service material confirmed by process of excavation at the curb stop. Other

discussion included: most of this information is found in the water bills, the city pays all the replacement cost, and only one person has declined a service line replacement so far.

Meridian Township: Meridian Township has 11,852 service lines, and all the service materials are known not to be lead.

ELMWSA: Overview of testing procedures. Explanation of how samples sites are chosen. Sampling history dates back to 1991. The two communities are treated as separate systems as of 2018. Lead and copper test results for the two communities from June 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Potential maps showing where lead service line density is high. East Lansing is working on a public facing map of lead service line locations. East Lansing has a quarterly newsletter that talks about their service line replacement program. The need to keep people engaged in moving forward with lead service line replacements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Chuck Peterson suggested quarterly meetings, and the group agreed. The next quarterly WSAC meeting will be March 17, 2022 at 12:00 at the East Lansing Public Works building (1800 E. State Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823). The meeting will follow the ELMWSA meeting.

WSAC 2022 meeting schedule:

March 17, 2022

June 16, 2022

September 15, 2022

December 15, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

CHARLES T. PETERSON, Secretary