

DRAFT MINUTES
EAST LANSING AND MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL
December 15, 2022

The meeting was held at East Lansing Public Works 1800 E. State Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823.

Present: Ron Lacasse, Chair; Nicole McPherson, (Acting Director, East Lansing Public Works); Chuck Peterson, Secretary; Council Members Bradley Brogren, Jim Cleland, Jim Ecklund, and Brock Howard.

Absent: Dan Opsommer. Cynthia Roper joined the meeting through a video call at 12:10 p.m.

Also Present: Joel Martinez, (Manager, East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer Authority) (ELMWSA); Pamela Wygant, (Administrative Assistant, ELMWSA); and Bryan Woodbeck, (Assistant Manager, ELMWSA).

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lacasse called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Water System Advisory Council (WSAC) was established in accordance with the Michigan Lead and Copper rule. At least one annual meeting is required.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: BRADLEY BROGREN MOVED, SUPPORTED BY CHUCK PETERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

WATER SYSTEM BRIEFINGS

East Lansing: Ron Lacasse stated that East Lansing has replaced 19 lead or galvanized services in the last 6 months. These were mostly coordinated with other infrastructure projects. East Lansing has replaced 144 lead or galvanized services to date, and has 181 known lead or galvanized services to replace. East Lansing has 680 homes where service line material is verified at all three points required by the Michigan department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). East Lansing applied for an asset management grant through EGLE, and has been tentatively awarded a \$750,000 grant. A portion of this money will go towards inventory identification in an effort to meet the 2025 service line material identification goal.

Meridian Township: No representatives.

ELMWSA: Joel Martinez stated that the ELMWSA yearly testing phase for lead and copper ran from June 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022. ELMWSA sampled 34 homes in Meridian Township with a 90th percentile of <1 part per billion (ppb) of lead. Three homes had a lead level above the detection limit of 1.0 ppb, with the highest level being 2.3 ppb. ELMWSA sampled 31 homes in East Lansing, and all of them were Tier 1 sites that required 1st and 5th liter sampling. Of the total 62 samples processed for East Lansing, there was no detectable lead. Copper levels were well below the 1300 ppb action level for both communities.

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Ron Lacasse mentioned that East Lansing has developed a new flier to try and get appointments scheduled for service line identification. Ms. Roper stated that residents could be of help in getting appointments scheduled. Neighborhood association groups could take place to train and educate

residents on the importance of knowing their service line materials. It is important to inform residents that East Lansing will be doing infrastructure improvements in the spring of 2023, and for residents to get their service lines checked. Ordinances in some cities allow city workers to access a resident's home in order to do the service line material inventory.

Other discussion included: East Lansing ordinance to check on homes for cross connections, the goal of being done with all lead and galvanized service line replacements well before the 20-year deadline, and meter replacements as a vehicle for service line material inventory.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be June 15, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

CHARLES T. PETERSON, Secretary