



Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 2:00pm (Riverblock Auditorium, room 206)

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Leichtnam at 2:00 pm.
- 2.) Public Comment - None
- 3.) Approve minutes of Feb. 16, 2026 mtg
 - a. Buttke made a motion to adopt the Feb. 16, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Perlock 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.) SPEAKERS – “Nitrates in Rural, Private Wells in Central Wisconsin”
 - a. Round robin introductions of meeting attendees
 - b. Bennet Goldstein discussed his research into the history of nitrates in groundwater in the Central Sands region and is attending to learn more and discuss current challenges with groundwater and private well contamination. Hall, Clendenning, Dimick, Hovendick, Carrell, Gottbeheut, and Winters shared information and stories of high nitrate contamination in their own or other’s private wells.
 - c. Ben Jeffrey discussed his position as Environmental Health Specialist in correspondence to private and public well contamination and discussed the health effects of high nitrates.
 - d. Shane Wucherpennig discussed the Wood County Land & Water Conservation Department’s history with gathering nitrate data and current ongoing projects.
- 5.) Correspondence / Updates / Handouts / Reports on meetings attended
 - a. None
- 6.) Discussion/Action from the floor
 - a. None
- 7.) Possible agenda items for next meeting
 - a. Discussion on the next steps to get education/outreach material to the public.
- 8.) Next mtg. — May. 18, 2026, 2:00 pm
- 9.) Adjourn –
 - a. Motion to adjourn was made by Buttke and 2nd by Carrell. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Chairman Bill Leichtnam adjourned the meeting at 3:23 pm.

Present in the meeting: Bill Leichtnam, Rhonda Carrell, Bill Clendenning, Bruce Dimick, Tom Buttke, Sandy Cain, Russ Perlock, Susie Ettner, Ken Winters, Bennet Goldstein, Shane Wucherpennig, Ben Jeffrey, Tim Hovendick, Sue Smith, Ron Hall.

Virtual: Gordon Gottbeheut, Kendra Wilhelm, Matt Zacher, Wayne Schultz

Respectfully submitted by Kendra Wilhelm on April 29th, 2026