

**Water Sub-committee Minutes**  
**December 11, 2013**  
**UW-Extension office**

Members present: Steve Okonek, Lois Taylor, Pat Malone, John Aasen, Sarah Slaby, and Sherry Rhoda

**Agenda:**

1. Call to Order at 1:10PM
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law Requirements- were met
3. Approval of Agenda- Lois motioned to accept the agenda, was seconded by John. MC
4. Approve November 18, 2013 Sub-committee minutes- Lois motioned to accept the minutes; Sherry seconded the motion. MC
5. Elect Chairperson and Secretary for Water Sub-committee- John nominated Sarah for the Chairperson position; Lois seconded it. MC John nominated Lois for the Secretary position; Sherry seconded it. MC
6. Questions and answers on materials provided at last meeting- Pat spoke about the information in the Barr report on accrylamides and polyaccrylamides. Much discussion followed related to local impacts.
7. Share any new materials- John has continued interest in case studies. Sherry stated that there's been no monitoring around mines to date and will ask Jake about available monitoring data. Sarah has concerns about the effects from a higher rate of water consumption. Steve voiced concerns about the impacts upon fish in the streams. Lois wants to know more about the baseline quality and amount of water available for mining use.
8. Identify goals for Health Impact Assessment- The group developed its goal to be: Identify public health impacts on the wter resources of Trempealeau County from industrial sand mining (ISM).
9. Begin to develop objectives using the scoping worksheet: Research questions developed by the sub-committee were: What is the existing level of water quality? What is the existing demand for water? What is our current water capacity? What is the number of accidental releases (spills, leaks) resulting in violation of existing standards?
10. Items for next Agenda- Reports from group members on research findings as related to the HIA
11. Set Meeting Date and Time- January 21, 2014, 1-3PM in the PH conference room.
12. Adjournment- Lois motioned for the meeting to adjourn, John seconded it. MC with meeting adjourning at 2:50PM.

Faithfully submitted by Lois Taylor