

MICHIGAN WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Pick-Durant Hotel
607 E. Second Avenue
Flint, Michigan

October 15-16, 1969

PRESENT

For the Commission

John E. Vogt (Chairman), for Director of Public Health
Stanley Quackenbush (Vice Chairman), for Director of Agriculture
Gerald E. Eddy, for Director of Natural Resources
James V. Murray, for State Highway Commission
George F. Liddle, for Municipal Groups
John H. Kitchel, for Conservation Groups
Jim Gilmore, for Industrial Management Groups (October 15 only)

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Norman Billings, Assistant Executive Secretary
F. B. Frost, Chief Engineer
William G. Turney, Assistant Chief Engineer
Esther Struhsaker, Secretary
Mary Sandborn, Secretary
Other members of staff

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Curtis Beck, Assistant Attorney General

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Others

Donald M. Pierce, Department of Public Health, Lansing
Paul Blakeslee, Department of Public Health, Lansing
George R. Anderson, Utica
Edward J. Awad, Flint
George Belyea, Monroe
John Blanke, Beckman Instruments, Southfield
G. W. Dean, Hydro Research Labs, Pontiac
Charles Fellows, Trout Unlimited, Flint
William F. Hohlock, Carlson, Hohloch, Mitchell & Piotrowski, Flint
John Lamb, Genesee Co. Metro Planning Comm., Flint

This meeting, being the regular monthly meeting of the Commission, was called by letter dated October 6, 1969, to all members and authorized representatives.

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Chairman Vogt convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

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Announcements

Great Markwestern Packing Company, Allen Township, Hillsdale County, Michigan:

On October 1, 1969, a notarized petition was received requesting a Public Hearing for the purpose of giving interested persons opportunity to present views upon Order of Determination No. 1302, adopted by the Commission September 17, 1969, to prevent the occurrence of unlawful pollution of the ground waters, an unnamed tributary to Hog Creek and Hog Creek from the disposal of sewage and wastes from the Great Markwestern Packing Company cattle feeding and processing operation to be located in Sections 6, 7 and 18, Allen Township, Hillsdale County, Michigan. Dr. Kitchel made a motion, supported by Mr. Gilmore, that a Public Hearing be scheduled in accordance with petitions filed under Section 8(a), Act 245, Public Acts of 1929, as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

The Hearing was subsequently scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 30, 1969, in Phillips Auditorium, located in the Dow Leadership Conference Center, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan. Chairman Vogt will chair the Hearing.

David D. Dominick, Commissioner, Federal Water Pollution Control Administration:

Distribution was made of copies of Commissioner Dominick's statement presented before the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators at its annual meeting held in Kansas City, Missouri, September 23, 1969.

Rouge River: Staff reported a three thousand gallon oil spill to the Rouge River on October 9, 1969, resulting from a broken pipeline of the Shell Oil Company. The oil spewed over the waters and caught fire from the flame of a blowtorch which a workman was using. The problem was quickly brought under control.

Nordmeer (oil hazard in Lake Huron off Alpena): Word has been received from the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration that it is taking immediate steps to remove oil from the wreckage of the abandoned motor vessel Nordmeer. Contractors are due to start work October 20; and the FWPCA is providing funds and directing the operation for the removal of approximately 19,000 gallons of oil.

Federal Legislation - H.R. 4148: This Companion Bill to S. 7 was amended and passed by the Senate. It contains a clause pre-empting state and local authority over onboard waste treatment facilities. If H.R. 4148 is enacted it will raise serious question as to practical possibilities for enforcement of the Commission's rule governing control of pollution from recreational watercraft.