



Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network
Groundwater Education Legislative Breakfast
Monday February 8, 2016
State Capital Building, Lincoln Nebraska

Present:

Dick Ehrman – Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LSPNRD), Dan Schulz – LSPNRD, Mike Thompson – Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Jennifer Schellpeper – DNR, Jennifer Swanson – Nebraska Association of Resource Districts (NARD), Kate Boone – University of Nebraska Lincoln, Marty Link – Nebraska Department of Environment Quality (NDEQ), Lindsey Phillips – NDEQ, David Miesbach – NDEQ, Sam Capps – NDEQ, Ryan Chapman – NDEQ, Carla McCullough – NDEQ, Joe Francis – NDEQ, Steve Goans – NDEQ, Becky Schuerman – Department of Health and Human Services Public Health (DHHS), Doug Buresh – Nebraska Rural Water Association, Carla McCullough – NDEQ, Mark Brohman – Nebraska Environmental Trust, Nick Brozovic – Water for Food Institute, Cindy Kreifels – The Groundwater Foundation (TGF), Jane Griffin – TGF, Anthony Lowndes TGF

Senator Mark Kolterman – District 24, Senator Merv Riepe – District 12, Senator David Schnoor – District 15, Senator Curt Friesen – District 34, Senator Matt Williams – District 36, Senator Lydia Brasch – District 16, Senator Roy Baker – District 30, Senator Dan Hughes – District 44, Senator Rick Kolowski – District 31, Senator Paul Schumacher – District 22, Senator John McCollister – District 20, Senator Jim Scheer – District 19, Senator Jerry Johnson – District 23, Senator Dan Hughes – District 44, Mark Freeouf – Staff District 2, Mitchell Clark – Staff District 18, Brett Waite – Staff District 16, Bethel Stuart – Staff District 6, Joey Adler – Staff District 26, Amanda Johnson – Staff District 26, Charles Isom – Staff District 7 Dan Wiles – Staff District 2

Meeting Summary:

Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network Groundwater Education Legislative Breakfast took place at the State Capitol on Monday, February 8 from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. The meeting was an informal walk in where senators and their staff were invited to learn about and discuss the Wellhead Protection Network and groundwater issues. A mailing card and a personal phone call were used to notify Senators of the meeting. Network members were also encouraged to personally invite their representative(s) to attend. Refreshments and pastries were provided by Nebraska Association of Resource Districts. At 8:15 Nick Brozovic, Director of Policy for the Water for Food Institute, gave a brief talk. The primary focus was the value of water to the people of Nebraska and how the cost of keeping water resources clean is far less than cleaning them up.

In addition, space was reserved from Monday, February 8 - Friday, February 12 in the first floor Rotunda for Network members to set up displays. These displays featured specific activities or overall agency/organization activities to educate those visiting or working in the Capitol.