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CSWAC 2018 Updates- Golden Sands Supreme Court Case begins tomorrow, January 11th

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Happy New Year CSWAC Members!

We are long over due in providing you updates. This email has information about the DNR's Central Sands Lakes Study, Wisconsin Farmer's Union Convention, and other issues we thought you'd like to know about. This week is a busy one for legal issues. Below and attached you will find information about several legal challenges in the Central Sands.

Updates from our Chair, Skip Hansen

CSWAC members have met, and will continue to meet with individual members of the Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association, the Dairy Business Association and other high capacity well stakeholders. Establishing personal relationships may help us determine if the two sides have any areas of agreement on which we can collaborate. We have many areas of disagreement with high capacity well owners but if we can collaborate on one or two items that means we will fight on one or two fewer things.

High capacity well owners, along with their political allies, have donated almost \$50,000,000 to political leaders in Wisconsin since 2011 according to Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. These donations, magically, have resulted in legislation in Wisconsin which adversely impacts Central Sands ground and surface waters. We cannot compete with the high capacity well owners political donations. Our best hope to protect our water resources is to educate the rest of the citizens of Wisconsin.

A key in our effort to educate citizens will be our ability to collect data on the economic impact of water based tourism in the Central Sands. We have collected some great, verified data, some of which is on our website and some will be shared with you later. We are in the process of collecting additional data on all six counties that comprise the bulk of the Central Sands. This economic data will be used in our press releases, letters to the editor and public meetings to show the citizens of the region and Wisconsin that protecting ground and surface waters vital to the regional and State economies.

Our current membership stands at 69 groups whose individual membership is approximately 55,000 individuals and their families. With these numbers we hope our voices will be heard.

Legal Challenges

Francie Rowe has created a document, Court Room Capers, that provides an excellent summary of the four legal battles in the Central Sands. The document is attached and includes a summary of the case that the Supreme Court will begin tomorrow.

Golden Sands Dairy-vs- Saratoga Supreme Court-Oral Arguments

Tomorrow-January 11th, 2018

For those interested, Wisconsin Supreme Court hearings are live-streamed and can be accessed the day of the hearing at the scheduled hearing time (9:45 am). Here is the link to Wisconsin Eye's Live Stream page, <http://www.wiseye.org/Live>. You can also find the link and their daily schedule page: <http://www.wiseye.org/Schedule>.

Central Sands Lakes Study

The Central Sands Lakes Study (CSLS), will model and evaluate specific water resources within the region over the next four years.

The [scope of work](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Wells/HighCap/CSLWorkplan.html) has been added to the DNR's Central Sands Lakes Study webpage: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Wells/HighCap/CSLWorkplan.html>.

Here is the full link to the webpage, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Wells/HighCap/CSLStudy.html>

CSWAC on the Radio

Skip Hansen was on Madison Radio Station, WORT, on December 29th. You can listen to the interview at <http://archive.wortfm.org/>. Scroll down to December 29th and the 8 O'Clock Buzz - Friday program. The interview with Skip begins at the 12:20 minute mark.

Wisconsin Farmer's Union Annual Convention

We recommend attending the Wisconsin Farmer's Union Annual Convention 2/2-2/4/18 at Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells. Here is the link to learn more about the sessions offered: <https://www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/convention>

Conservation Congress Resolution

Criste Greening's resolution requiring DNR to assess cumulative impacts of high capacity wells that passed at 2017 spring Conservation Congress hearing is progressing along path to hopefully be included on next spring's 4/9/18 questionnaire we all could vote on. Here is a link to the resolution:

http://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/Documents/spring_hearing/2017/Resolutions/720517.pdf

Bill Berry: Nitrate in groundwater calls for our attention

We thought you'd be interested in this recent editorial from Bill Berry.

<http://host.madison.com/ct/opinion/column/bill-berry-nitrate-in-groundwater-calls-for-our>

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