

PFAS UPDATE January 14, 2025 - Lee Donahue, Supervisor #2 Health Education and Welfare

Last month we had a well-attended public meeting at Olivet Church to discuss our proposed municipal water system. I want to thank all whom attended- it looked to be about 300 residents and guests.

On Thursday I will meet with Davy Engineers to discuss the upcoming drilling of the first municipal well. It's an exciting time in Campbell.

The UW-Madison consortium group will meet again this Friday to discuss progress they've made in their ground water flow models. It's been especially dry this winter and we've seen in the past how low river levels impact the ground water flow.

I encourage anyone who samples their well for PFAS to please share that information with me and the Wisconsin Department of Health. It is very useful information as we build these flow models. Campbell is the only municipality in Wisconsin involved in this type research. The DNR is hoping to use the results as template for other areas in the State.

In December, Alex from Davy Engineering and I had a meeting with a technical assistant to explore additional funding options for our municipal system. That work continues.

Now that the new legislative year has begun, I have reached out to our State legislators again asking for assistance to gain access to the \$125 million dollar PFAS trust fund approved nearly 600 days ago. I've asked the funding to be put into the Safe Drinking Water Loan program, since there is already a bipartisan approved prioritization method for awarding those funds.

I want to thank UWL Professor of geography and environmental science for his research on PFAS. He has recently been invited to be a guest speaker and presenter at the UWL Chancellors community forum. He has also been invited to be a panelist following a local production by UWL Alum Diane Breeser called "Maybe our baby" which discusses PFAS in relation to pregnancy.

I will take your questions, thanks!