

Libertarian Party of Southwest Michigan
Monthly affiliate meeting
6PM, Tuesday September 1, 2015

Mailing address

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Hour 1 (6PM -7PM)

- Meeting called to order
- Roll call
- Previous Meeting minutes
- Treasurer Report
- LEC ongoing projects – volunteers needed!
 - New affiliate support
 - Convention and other events planning
 - Political action committee
 - Membership committee
 - Fundraising efforts
 - Public image management
 - Outside group liaison
- Allegan County Fair
- Any new business or proposals

Hour 2 (7PM – 8PM)

- Possible special election for House seat in district 80
- Open microphone

August 11, 2015

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Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Kalamazoo City Hall



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Whereas this initiative promotes a positive relationship between the downtown community and the Kalamazoo DPS

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This statement was passed by unanimous 'aye' vote by the Libertarian Party of Southwest Michigan on June 2, 2015 at our regular monthly business meeting. We appreciate the positive relationship with the local community that KPS supports and maintains. Keep up the great work with KPS.

Best Regards,

Jason Brandenburg
Chair
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Police Chief Jeffrey Hadley

150 E. Crosstown, Suite A



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Big Government is asserting it's power over Michigan's most precious natural public resource – WATER. See the information below and some brief excerpts from it. These links and the PDF files listed here can be shared by email. Get informed!

http://www.vbco.org/downloads/2013_public_act_98_significantly_changes_michigan.pdf

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ogl-Draft_Water_Strategy_and_Appendices_06-04-2015_491266_7.pdf

Pg. 58; (#6)...any **new** algae toxin assessment criteria is akin to giving 'somebody' the right to turn off massive water supplies using surface water sources...or a power that has not been ever granted previously under formerly 'accepted' levels of any toxin whatsoever. A surface water customer can always treat his water. If he does not *receive* said water in the first place due to any number of regulatory factors previously outlawed?...his water will (1) necessarily be much more expensive or (2) possibly even tragically **unavailable** by today's long accepted standards.

"..."; **(#7)**...putting the above unbridled power and toxin level oversight in to the hands of the **federal** government is a recipe for disaster and yet another intentional usurpation of local control.

"..."; **(#8)**..playing 'God' with natural resources for the sake of water **quantity** is not to battle *climate change*, but to assert control.

"..." **(#9)**...the 'final solution' to force traditional local (individual/local government) control of our most valuable resource to be (finally) put under **state** control...period.

"..."; **(#13)**...all that you really need to know. This is where all of this is going in terms of any "water withdrawal assessment process"...or '**who will be King and who will not**' using water as a currency/gun to Michigan citizen's heads.

The (new) MAEAP standard (finally) 'reigns supreme' at MDARD (or the cat is effectively let out of the bag):

Pg. 60; (#18)....Agricultural land use will ***directly*** follow MAEAP guidelines and participation criteria to remain consistent with the state's recent efforts.

Media coverage

<http://blogs.wsj.com/law/2015/08/28/after-court-defeat-epa-presses-forward-with-water-rule-in-some-states/>

Environmental Protection Agency pressed forward with its new water pollution rules on Friday, saying a court ruling blocking them from going into effect applied **only** to 13 states that brought the case. **Michigan is NOT among them**, our waterways, wetlands, and ditches are now effectively under the control of a Federal agency - the EPA.

As WSJ reported, U.S. District Judge Ralph Erickson of North Dakota on Thursday evening **issued a preliminary injunction** against the regulations, which seek to put more small bodies of water and wetlands under federal protection. **The judge agreed with the states suing the Obama administration that the regulations overreached by giving the federal government control over ditches and streams remote from navigable waters where it has jurisdiction.**

The Hill reports on the latest development:

[T]he EPA is interpreting the North Dakota decision to apply only in the states involved in the litigation.

“The Clean Water Rule is fundamental to protecting and restoring the nation’s water resources that are vital for our health, environment, and economy,” EPA spokeswoman Melissa Harrison said. “EPA and the Department of the Army have been preparing to implement the rule on the effective date of August 28.”

The preliminary injunction, Harrison said, applies **only** in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

“In all other respects, the rule is effective on August 28,” she said. “The agencies are evaluating these orders and considering next steps in the litigation.”