

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 13, 2012

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ames WPC Plant in Ames, Iowa on January 13, 2012.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Dan Riney, at 10:20 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Tim Snyder, Dennis White, Steve Hershner, Keith Hobson, Michael Tripp, Jim Rasmussen, Kam Reeves, Jeff May, Dan Riney and John Ringlestein. Also present were: Steve Troyer, Ted Payseur, Greg Sindt, Laurie Twitchell, Stephen Jones, Lance Aldrich and Ed Askew.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mike Tripp, and seconded by Tim Snyder, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ITEM III: Discussion/Action Items

A. Government Affairs Committee

Ted Payseur reported the Association has been asked to sit on a League Steering Committee. Next week the Nutrient Committee will be meeting. On the 25th, DNR will hold an open house on affordability. Law suit is being reviewed. Ted discussed the storm water rules situation and the change in House leadership. Greg Sindt discussed the presentation of nutrient standards at the last annual meeting and the suggestion that Iowa use the Kansas approach of not setting numerical standards. Economic achievable limits are 10mg/l total nitrogen and 1 mg/l phosphorous. Greg discussed the development of a strategy on setting nutrient standards for point and non-point sources. The schedule is to develop the strategy and present it to the governor's office in the next two months. There are 2 issues: the Gulf of Mexico hypoxia zone – major factor for non-point and algal growth in streams – major factor for point source. Steve Hershner discussed the meetings which were held leading up to the Government Affairs position. Steve and Greg met with the non-point source group three times and the point source group twice. Greg distributed the Iowa Point Source Reduction Strategy – IAWEA Discussion Document. Greg discussed the procedure for implementation. Steve Hershner discussed the process for permit holders. Greg noted his comments on “trigger” nitrogen and phosphorous concentrations added by IDNR. The group discussed non-point source problems and “solutions”. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Jim Rasmussen, and seconded by Kam Reeves, that the Board support the Government Affairs point source reduction strategy and not support the “trigger” concept and authorize Government Affairs to proceed. Motion carried.

C. Old Business

Website proposal: Lance Aldrich reported 2 proposals had been received and he was expecting at least one more today.

IAWEA/AWWA Short Course: Jim Rasmussen reported we need to get a contract and make a deposit for the fall 2012 short course. Wrencher award nominations are needed. Nomination forms are available on the IAWEA website.

Keith Hobson reported the Scholarship Fundraiser at the FFA facility will be held on September 14, 2012.

Dan Riney reported he will be submitting the Quarter Century Operator Award nominations in the near future.

Kam Reeves announced he has a supply of 2012 planners available for everyone.

Delegates: Keith Hobson reported he is on the Strategic Planning Workgroup for the House of Delegates. They are working on developing a strategic plan for the HOD. The WEF Executive Committee is also developing a strategic plan. Tim Snyder reported he is on the Operator Outreach group.

The meeting recessed at 11:45 AM and reconvened at 12:15 PM.

B: 2012 Budget

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed the preliminary financial report for 2011 and reviewed the accounts. The proposed budget with revisions from the last meeting was distributed. After discussion, \$5,000 was added to Committee Projects for the website project with the balance of the project financed from reserves and repaid over the next two years. It was moved by Jim Rasmussen, and seconded by Tim Snyder, to approve the proposed budget for 2012 with the revision for the website project. Motion carried.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Riney declared the meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer