

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 16, 2016

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ames WPC Facility, Ames, Iowa on September 16, 2016.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Kam Reeves, at 10:01 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Paul Horsfall, Eric Evans, Darin Jacobs, Kam Reeves, Jon Koch, Laurie Twitchell, Tim Snyder, Rick Graves, Jay Brady, Alison Manz and John Ringelestein. Also present were: Harris Seidel, Bob Ranson, Greg Sindt, Jonathan Brown, Curt Kampman, Dan Miers, Jason Loots, Matt Wildman, Keith Hobson, Patrick Brown, Mark McGuire and Matt Mahler.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by John Ringelestein, and seconded by Darin Jacobs, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by John Ringelestein, and seconded by Rick Graves, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2016 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer distributed a report with balances as of January 1, 2016 and September 15, 2016. The Operations Account is up \$31,556.38. The Operations account includes the net golf proceeds, \$6,491, which have not yet been distributed. The Region checking account is up slightly due to regional meetings being held this spring. Net results for the specialty conferences as of today are Maintenance \$3,284.16, Collection Systems \$11,822.06, Biosolids \$4,467.63 and Fall Operators Conference \$13,891.06 (not all expenses paid at this time). Annual meeting income was \$2,087.72. CVENT and credit card processing has not yet been charged to the specialty conferences. Discussion of the annual meeting results ensued along with discussion of the costs involved with A/V equipment. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Dan Miers, to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

B. Secretary's Report

It was moved by John Ringelestein, and seconded by Jay Brady, to enter into the record the results of the electronic vote for the letter of support for the wet weather flow design and the intended action on the copper criteria update. Both letters were approved by a positive vote. Motion carried.

C. Delegates' Report

Tim Snyder informed the group that WEF dues will be increasing by 5% across the board effective January 1, 2017. WEFTEC is ready to go. Tim thanked the IAWEA for the opportunity to fill the remainder of Dan Riney's term as the WEF Delegate. Keith Hobson, Delegate at large, discussed the Value of Water initiative. Keith is chair of the Value of Water initiative. The initiative consists of a coalition of 32 groups involved with water. Webinars are being developed. Tim discussed the survey of MAs on membership recruitment and development which is being conducted. It was moved by Darin Jacobs, and seconded by Laurie Twitchell, to accept the Delegates' report. Motion carried.

D: Regional Directors

Region 1: Paul Horsfall reported the Region 1 planning committee met the 2nd week of July. The annual Region 2

meeting will be held at the Delaware fair grounds on October 26th. Representatives of Region 1 met on August 28th to judge the entries for Operator of the Year for Grades 1 and 2.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported the fall 2016 meeting will be held October 13th at NIACC and focus on water topics.

Region 3: No reports.

Region 4: Alison Manz reported their fall meeting will be in Atlantic on Friday, October 7th. Approximately 75 people have already registered.

Region 5: Rick Graves reported the Region 5 fall meeting will be held on October 26th at the Rural Water Building in Newton.

Region 6: Jon Koch announced Chuck Pietscher will be the Region 6 Delegate until their next regional meeting.

E: Correspondence

a. Tim Snyder reported a thank you note was received from Kelsey Hurst for the hospitality extended to her at the annual meeting.

b. The treasurer reported a thank you letter has been received from the Water Environment Research Foundation for the donation from the IAWEA.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. WEFTEC Membership Recruitment Participation

Tim Snyder discussed the membership recruitment drive to take place at the 2017 WEFTEC. Any non-member that has never been a WEF member and registers for WEFTEC will be given a free one year membership. WEF would also like to include the state MA membership and is requesting approval from the Iowa MA to include the state membership from Iowa for anyone who qualifies for Iowa MA membership. It was moved by Tim Snyder, and seconded by Jon Koch, for IAWEA to participate in the 2017 WEFTEC membership drive. Motion carried.

B. 2016 Operators Conference Update

Patrick Brown reported there were 110-120 attendees including vendors. Pat discussed the experience with the first time for vendors at this conference.

C. 2017 Annual Conference Location Discussion

Jay Brady reported an RFP was developed and sent to several cities and facilities. A few have been returned and some facilities are unable to accommodate the 2017 or 2018 dates. Further information will be gathered and an electronic vote will be held to make a decision.

D. Operator Award Application ad hoc Committee Report

Mark McGuire, chair, acknowledged the participation of the other members of the committee, Todd Penisten, Jim Utter, Bob Milroy, Adam Smith, Jim McElvogue and Allison Manz. Mark discussed the written report the committee had submitted. The committee is developing an application form to be used to submit nominees. Allison Manz commented the IDNR may be able to recommend an operator from each region. The committee will meet again on November 9th.

E. Annual Conference Numbering Discussion

Harris Seidel discussed the situation with the annual meeting number. Harris reviewed the history of the annual meeting and the training conferences. Harris proposed a revised count from the 1915 first training conference until 1938. It was moved by Tim Snyder, and seconded by Dan Miers, to accept the count revision proposed by Harris with 1915 as the first annual meeting through 1938. Motion carried. Harris discussed the annual meeting situation during the years of World War 2. There was an annual meeting in 1941, no annual meeting in 1942, an executive committee meeting in 1943 and 1945, and an annual meeting in 1944. After discussion, it was moved by Jay Brady, and

seconded by John Ringlestein, to exclude the years of 1942, 1943 and 1945 from the count for annual meetings. Motion carried.

F. Other Items

IAWEA 2017 WEF Collection System Specialty Conference Ad hoc Planning Committee
Mark McGuire, chair, Laurie Twitchell, Jay Brady, Jon Koch and Eric Evans comprise the committee. Support members are Curt Kampman and Matt Wildman. The committee has been working with the WEF committee on the 2017 Collection System Specialty Conference. Mark distributed a written report of the Ad Hoc Committee's activities.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE ACTION/DIRECTION REQUESTS

A. Aims and Objectives

No requests.

B. Annual Meeting

- i. Jay Brady reported work has started on the 2017 meeting. Laurie Twitchell announced a meeting will be held in October to begin working on the program.
- ii. No local arrangements report.

C. Awards

No report.

D. Biosolids

Dan Miers reported the committee met in July by phone. The committee is working on the second application of biosolids to the research farm in Des Moines. A second farm is being added to the research project at a DMACC location and will receive the first application this year. The research project is a 5-year program. The next committee meeting will be October 11th.

E. Collection Systems

Curt Kampman reported the committee is in the middle of the 2017 conference planning. The conference will be held on March 1-3, 2017. They are looking at bringing back the review sessions for the collection system exams.

F. Education

Patrick Brown reported the Fall Operators' Conference had 90 non-vendors in attendance and 23-30 vendors. The committee will be meeting early next year to begin planning for the 2017 conference.

G. Exhibitors

No Report.

H. Financial Review

Nothing to report until next year.

I. Government Affairs

Greg Sindt reported that he, Kam Reeves and Ted Payseur attended the Four States Government Affairs Conference. Jon Tack and Adam Scheiders from the IDNR also attended. There was a lot of discussion concerning the Nutrient Reduction Water Quality Standards. Greg reviewed the written report of the committee meeting held at the annual meeting in June.

The meeting recessed at 12:20 PM for lunch and reconvened at 12:44 PM.

J. Historian

No report

K. Industrial Pretreatment

Jon Koch reported he is trying to get them back in the fold.

L. Laboratory Practices

Laboratory Treatment/Industrial Pretreatment meeting is September 28-29.

M. Maintenance

Bob Ranson reported the Maintenance Conference will be held on January 31 and February 1, 2017 and it will be the 20th Annual Conference.

N. Membership

Kam Reeves reported the committee has not yet met. They are preparing a letter to communities on IAWEA membership which will be sent out by email blast.

O. Newsletter

The Newsletter Committee is always looking for articles.

P. Nominating

No report.

Q. Operator Certification

No report.

R. Public Relations/Public Education

Laurie Twitchell reported the committee will be meeting this fall.

S. Research

No report.

T. Safety

No report.

U. Small Communities

Matt Wildman reported the committee worked with the League of Cities to set up their annual meeting. The committee made a presentation at the League annual conference workshop yesterday. A technical subcommittee is being formed to review new lagoon technology not yet approved in Iowa. Next year the committee is going to take the League workshop concept to the regions.

V. Water for People

No report.

W. Website

X. Young Professionals

Matt Mahler reported the committee sponsored an outing at an Iowa Cubs game in August. A tailgate outing is planned for an ISU football game in October. Members of the committee will speak at the Iowa State chapter in November

Other Items

Bob Watson submitted a written report to clarify the requirements for operational monitoring requirements.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Reeves declared the meeting adjourned at 1:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, IAWEA Treasurer