

**IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 4, 2006**

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ames Water Pollution Control Plant in Ames, Iowa on August 4, 2006.

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President, Tim Snyder, at 10:16 a.m., with the following Executive Committee members present: Jim Stricker, Kevin Moler, Steve Moehlmann, Tim Snyder, Charlie Stevens (by telephone) and John Ringelestein. Also present were: John Dunn, Dave Fox, Maryann Ryan, and Bob Main.

**ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Jim Stricker, and seconded by Kevin Moler, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Jim Stricker, and seconded by John Ringelestein, to approve the minutes of June 20, 2006 as printed. Motion carried.

**ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**D. Water for People (Dave Fox)**

Dave Fox reported on the changes being made at the national level in the Water for People program and the effect it will have at the local level. All projects will be approved at the national level and be placed on a list. The Xicotepec project supported by the Iowa group is not on the list but projects in progress will be allowed to continue. The IWPCA voted several years ago to assign all money raised to the Xicotepec project. The Water for People committee will be discussing options and will bring a recommendation back to the Executive Committee at a later date as to the direction IWPCA should go. Dave also discussed the chlorine generator developed by John Hayes of Washington, Iowa that uses ordinary table salt to produce chlorine for water treatment.

**A. Water Quality Planning Committee Appointments**

The Water Quality Standards legislation included a provision to establish a Watershed Water Quality Planning Task Force and the IWPCA was allocated a position on the Committee. Tim Snyder reported he had appointed Ted Payseur as our delegate with Steve Hershner as the alternate.

**ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2006, and August 4, 2006. Total assets are up approximately \$27,000. Most of the accounts have increased by interest only. Most of the increase is found in the Regions Account due to regional meetings and in the Operations Account due to the annual meeting. The net income for the annual meeting at this point is \$14,686.98 with the expense for the exhibit setup and CEU recording still outstanding. There will

also be a credit for an error in billing of approximately \$1,800.

### **B. Directors' Report**

Charlie Stevens reported there has not been any updates for the House of Delegates since last January but there should be soon due to the approach of the meetings at WEFTEC. A brief review of the action taken on the appointments to the Watershed Water Quality Planning Taskforce was made.

## **ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **H. Government Affairs**

Charlie Stevens reported Ted Payseur is on a sub-committee of the WEF Government Affairs committee that is working on the farm bill. Charlie is serving as co-chair of the WEF Government Affairs sub-committee dealing with legislative matters. The sub-committee is currently in the process of developing a position paper on the farm bill. The paper will be focusing on 3 areas- strengthen and target conservation programs to enhance water quality, foster greater collaboration between urban and ag communities, and establish stronger mechanisms and tools to achieve higher nutrient controls on farms. Charlie discussed an all day workshop to be held in Washington, DC in early September.

### **M. Laboratory Practices**

Discussion of the memo from Steve Williams concerning the use of EXCEL was held. Maryann Ryan reviewed the cause for the memo. At the last lab symposium there was considerable discussion and disagreement on rounding, etc. Steve Williams did further research and issued the memo, which in turn generated a response from Ed Askew for a suggested response from the IWPCA. Various parts of the memo and response were discussed. It was suggested that the IWPCA look into the matter further to determine if the memo reflected a person's opinion or was the position of IDNR before a response was made.

The meeting was recessed at 12:17 PM and reconvened at 12:45 PM.

## **ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS (continued)**

### **C. Regional Directors**

Region 2: Steve Moehlmann reported Mark Simms is the new regional director but was unable to attend today due to military commitments. Steve is the alternate. The fall water meeting will be held at NIACC in Mason City on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Mailer will be going out in a few days.

Region 5: Jim Stricker reported the Region 5 meeting will be held on October 26.

### **D. Correspondence**

a. A thank you note was received from the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize winners for the trip to the national competition.

## **ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (continued)**

### **C. Strategic Planning progress**

The Committee discussed what could be done to get the Strategic Planning process moving again. Highlights of the last (and only) session were reviewed. A suggestion was made to appoint an ad-hoc committee to move this process forward and also to ask Carla Schumacher to chair it. Tim Snyder

will work on establishing the committee.

**E. Policy Manual Update**

The committee discussed the need to update the Policy Manual. Tim Snyder will contact the chair of the Aims and Objectives Committee to get the process moving.

**F. Other Items**

Tim Snyder received a request for the IWPCA to co-sponsor a lagoon course with AceOps and DMACC. Steve Moehlmann discussed the proposal. No financial or registration is being requested. Jim Stricker suggested the President contact the Education Committee Chair for their recommendation. Tim will contact Mike Fields and this item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

**Y. Web Page**

John Dunn discussed the list serve service provided by the League of Cities. The service has been up and running for the Executive Committee for some time. The service is ready to be expanded to the full membership. It was suggested the service be promoted at the short course, regional meetings and specialty conferences.

**ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT**

President Snyder declared the meeting adjourned at 1:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer