

**IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 9, 2005

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 9, 2005.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, David Rotschafer, at 10:11 a.m., with the following Executive Committee members present: Jerry Rattenborg, Jim Stricker, Carla Schumacher, Paul Nolan, Hank Pangelina, Charles Stevens, David Rotschafer, Tim Snyder, Dave Elias, and John Ringlestein. Also present were: Jim McElvogue, John Dunn, Chuck Corell, Adam Schnieders, Angela Chen, and Heather Roberts.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Jerry Rattenborg, and seconded by Hank Pangelina, to approve the minutes of June 7, 2005 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2005, and August 8, 2005. Changes to the various accounts were discussed. Total assets are down almost \$3,000. We do have a liability to John Hall of approximately \$17,900. There may be a credit to the John Hall account of \$3535 due to the amicus situation. It was moved by Charlie Stevens, and seconded by Jim Stricker, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

B. Directors' Report

Charlie Stevens reported the Association had received an email notice from Phyllis Eastman at the WEF that Iowa has 531 paid memberships.

C. Regional Directors

Region 1: Jerry Rattenborg reported the Region 1 meeting will be held on October 26. They are trying to get US Representative Jim Nussle to attend.

Region 4: Hank Pangelina reported Region 4 will be holding their fall meeting on October 7 in Treynor. Adam Schnieders will be speaking on the stream reclassification issue. Someone from the Government Affairs committee will discuss the IWPCA position on stream reclassification. Mayors and city council members have been invited to attend the meeting at no charge. A \$2 surcharge is being added to the registration fee, which will be donated to the John Hall project.

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

Region 6: Dave Elias reported Region 6 will have their annual meeting next spring.

D. Correspondence

- a. Letter sent to IEC: Dave Rotschafer reported a letter was sent to the IEC to resign from the organization due to their lack of cooperation on environmental issues and other conflicts. An invoice was received from IEC to renew our membership after the letter was sent. It was moved by Tim Snyder, and seconded by Charlie Stevens, to not pay the membership renewal to IEC. Motion carried.
- b. The Secretary/Treasurer reported he had received a note from Darlene Obr informing us of Joe Obr's death in April.
- c. Tim Snyder reported Howard Eden, the former superintendent at Atlantic, had passed away.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

D. Authorize List Service membership with Iowa League of Cities

Heather Roberts, Iowa League of Cities, discussed the List Service program of the League of Cities. Cost for the service would be \$550/year unless we would add archiving at an additional cost of \$1,500/year. After discussion, it was moved by Jerry Rattenborg, and seconded by Tim Snyder, to authorize the President to sign the agreement for list service with the Iowa League of Cities at \$550 per year. Motion carried. John Dunn asked for a proposal to host the web page so he could compare it with our current service. After discussing access to the list service, the consensus was to restrict access to members only.

F. Presentation from Angela Chen and Others from IDNR concerning permit renewals

Angela Chen, Adam Schnieders, and Chuck Corell discussed the situation with permit renewals in the coming years, wastewater permit fees, and the proposed modifications to the water quality standards. Considerable discussion followed which did not resolve any differences and the gap continues to widen between the IWPCA and DNR concerning the proposal. DNR's own cost estimates have dramatically increased from approximately two hundred million dollars to almost one billion dollars over the next twenty years. The estimate is only for ammonia limits and disinfection and does not include TDS, nutrient removal, chlorides and other parameters on the horizon. All communities will see dramatic increases in sewer charges and especially small communities.

The meeting was recessed at 12:15 PM and reconvened at 12:40 PM.

A. Position Statement on Stream Use Classification

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

B. Update on John Hall Project and funding situation

Dave Rotschafer reported he has asked John Hall to stand by for now and we will get back to him if needed. There is not much he can do for us at this point. The Secretary/Treasurer reported we owe Hall & Associates \$17,864.89 according to the invoices through June 30. There is a credit for the amicus billing of \$3,535, which has not yet appeared. Contributions to date total \$26,050, which leaves approximately \$9,000 available for payment. It was moved by Paul Nolan, and seconded by Charlie Stevens, to authorize payment of \$9,000 to Hall & Associates. Motion carried.

C. Strategic Planning progress

Nothing has been done with the Strategic Planning process since May. Dave Rotschafer will appoint

a small adhoc committee to carry this process forward.

E. Discussion/Action on proposal from Farm Bureau

The time frame has passed for the original proposal and we may not have qualified under the conditions of the proposal. Discussion will be held at a later date concerning how we should respond to these proposals.

G. Discussion/Action on travel to meeting on Use Attainability Analysis by WEF/EPA

The meeting is scheduled for September 20 and 21 in Atlanta, GA. After discussion, the consensus was to acquire the notes and proceedings of the meeting when they are available. John Dunn reported there is a Web cast on Use Attainability Analysis on August 17 and will be available at the Ames Water Plant conference room. He invited anyone who would like to attend to contact him for details.

H. Other Items

Calendar contract: Charlotte Henderson has proposed extending the contract for the calendar an additional year. The calendar committee will refigure the costs for the calendar and get back to DNR on extending the contract.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Biosolids

Charlie Stevens asked about the arrangements for getting a speaker from Georgia for the Biosolids Conference. Sec./Treas. and Charlie will discuss later. The Biosolids Committee is planning the program for the Biosolids Conference next spring. Daryl Kottwitz, Nebraska WEA, is working on a project to bring farmers and operators from Nebraska on a bus to attend the conference. The committee is continuing to work on sponsoring a WEF specialty conference in cooperation with the Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas associations.

D. Education

John Veach filed a report with the Sec./Treas. this morning to say everything was ready for the short course in September.

H. Government Affairs

Charlie Stevens and Ted Payseur met with legislative representatives to discuss rulemaking issues. The committee is working on getting city council members to write letters to the rule making committee concerning the proposed water quality standards and the fiscal impact on cities. The committee is also working on the possibility of drafting legislation proposals for plan review modifications, permit renewal response period, permit fees and general permit legislation for lagoons. The committee is working with Christina Gruenhagen to draft legislation proposals to bring back to the Exec. Comm.

P. Membership

Carla Schumacher reported the committee had nothing new to report.

S. Operator Certification

Jim McElvogue reminded everyone that the double credit provision expires on January 1, 2006. The efforts of other groups to circumvent the joint operator committee were discussed.

U. Public Relations/Public Education

A report will be coming from the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize Representative, Mauree Gibson, on her experiences at the national competition. A representative will be at the Science Teachers' conference in October. The committee will be meeting next month. There was no response from anyone concerning suggestions for the IWPCA display.

Y. Web Page

John Dunn reported there have been some problems with email to the host for the last few days so updates may be a little slow to appear on the web page.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Rotschafer declared the meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer