

**IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 7, 2005**

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ramada Inn Hotel in Waterloo, Iowa on June 7, 2005.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Carla Schumacher, at 6:47 p.m., with the following Executive Committee members present: Jay Brady, Jim Stricker, David Rotschafer, Tim Snyder, Charles Stevens, Carla Schumacher, Jan Anderson, Dave Elias, and John Ringelestein. Also present were: Ted Payseur, Jim McElvogue, John Dunn, Lynn Pitts, John Veach, Scott Wienands, Maryann Ryan, and Stephen Jones.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Tim Snyder, and seconded by Charles Stevens, to approve the minutes of May 3, 2005 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The financial report for the fiscal year 2004 will be presented at the annual business meeting on Thursday. The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2005, and June 7, 2005. Most of the accounts are up by interest income only except the library share draft account, which is down due to service charges. The newsletter account is up approximately \$11,000, the operations account is up approximately \$10,000 due to the annual meeting, the region share draft account is down approximately \$5,000 due to regional meetings and the income will be coming in shortly from those meetings. Total assets are up \$4,000. We do have a liability to John Hall of approximately \$5050. To date, the annual meeting has expenses of \$2,672 and income of \$25,476 for a net of \$22,804. It was moved by Dave Rotschafer, and seconded by Tim Snyder, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

B. Directors' Report

Charlie Stevens reported there is nothing new since the last meeting.

C: REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Region 5: Jim Stricker reported the Region held their spring meeting on the last Wednesday of March.

Region 6: Jay Brady reported Region 6 had held their annual meeting and had very good attendance.

Dave Elias arrived and also reported it was a very good meeting with 144 people in attendance. The group held a Riney Razzing to send Dan Riney off to his new position in Garden City, Kansas.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Stockholm Jr. Water Prize Budget

Jim McElvogue discussed the problem with travel arrangements for the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize nominee. As a result the costs for the trip will be higher than expected by \$500. It was moved by Charlie Stevens, and seconded by Dave Rotschafer, to increase the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize budget from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Motion carried. The Stockholm Jr. Water Prize nominee, Mauree Gibson, will be here tomorrow with her project and will attend the banquet tomorrow night to be recognized by the Association.

B. Water Utility Alliance

Carla reported the Water Quality Alliance is essentially a defunct committee. It was an alliance of 25 water agencies, but due to some difficulties, some of the members have dropped out. Since the Alliance is virtually non-functional, Carla would like formal Board action to drop out of the Alliance.

After discussion, it was moved by Jim Stricker, and seconded by Jan Anderson, to officially not be aligned with the Water Quality Alliance. Motion carried. Ted Payseur suggested perhaps we should form our own group. Ted will suggest other groups to form our alliance.

C. H₂S Research Project

Steve Jones reported he had received the final report for the project and all requirements of the project have been satisfied. He has recommended the final payment be made. He will ask Dr. O'Shaughnessy to present the final report at the next annual meeting. He will also ask for clearance to publish the paper on the website and in the newsletter. IWPCA will be acknowledged on any use of the results of the project. Steve discussed the conclusions made in the report. Discussion was held on possible sources for funding research projects.

The meeting was recessed at 7:33 PM and reconvened at 7:52 PM.

D. Strategic Planning Power Point Presentation

Carla Schumacher presented a summary of the strategic planning session that was held on May 25, 2005. Thanks to Terry Lynch, from Fox Engineering, for facilitating the meeting. Attending were Jay Brady, Dave Elias, Mike Fields, Bob Main, Mark McGuire, John Ringelestein, David Rotschafer, Carla Schumacher, and Charlie Stevens. A considerable amount of discussion was held during the presentation. A brief presentation will be made at the business meeting on Thursday.

E. Water Quality Standards and John Hall Update

Ted Payseur reported on the stakeholder meeting. Information on the changes in stream classification will be going to the Environmental Protection Commission in the near future. Implementation of the changes as they are now proposed will affect almost all facilities in the State. Considerable discussion was held concerning the use of John Hall and Associates and the fundraising for the project. The first round of fundraising letters will be going out shortly. Another round will go out when we can get a list of permit holders. Regions will be able to supply a database of NPDES permit holders. Discussion was held concerning a position statement on stream use classification. Jay Brady volunteered to draft a position statement. After further discussion of the situation with the possible legal action by the IEC, it was moved by Charlie Stevens, and seconded by Steve Jones, to budget \$5,000 for John Hall to draft a letter to be sent to the Iowa congressional delegation concerning the situation. Motion carried. It was moved by Steve Jones, and seconded by Dave

Rotschafer, to pay down the liability to John Hall with the balance in the Special Projects Account with the goal to replenish the account. After further discussion, the vote was a unanimous nay. Motion failed. It was moved by Charlie Stevens, and seconded by Tim Snyder, to use \$5,000 from the general fund to have John Hall draft a letter to EPA for the congressional delegation. Motion carried.

F. Des Moines Register Opinion Section Editorial Board Article

Carla commented on the editorial article in the Des Moines Sunday Register. She really did not say what they said she said. The context described by the reporter appeared to be the overall water quality picture in Iowa but when it hit the paper it was in the context of a specific incident.

G. TDS Study

Carla discussed the spring sampling results and some of the problems with the results, which are appearing. Carla also discussed the funding from EPA and the strings that are attached. Maryann Ryan explained that since EPA is providing the funding, they want the analysis work done at an EPA lab. EPA is also reviewing the QAPP and may want some changes. The sampling schedule may be affected so sampling may occur in September instead of August. Several other aspects of the project were discussed. Carla Schumacher, Maryann Ryan, Ed Askew, Bob Baumann, and Ted Payseur will meet yet this week to attempt to resolve some situations.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Dunn reported the most frequently downloaded item on the website is the newsletter. It has been downloaded 400 times in the last 3 months.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Schumacher declared the meeting adjourned at 10:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer