

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 9, 2011

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Marriott Conference Center in Coralville, Iowa on June 9, 2011.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Dan Riney, at 7:35 PM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Murat Akyurek, Jay Brady, Dan Riney, Jeff May, Jonathan Brown, Gary Schellhorn, Jim McElvogue, Darin Jacobs, Kam Reeves, Jim Rasmussen, and John Ringelestein. Also present were: Mike Fields, Jim Utter, Keith Hobson, Ed Askew, Greg Sindt, Chuck Pietscher, Patrick Brown and Mark McGuire.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mark McGuire, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mark McGuire, and seconded by Kam Reeves, to approve the minutes of April 8, 2011, as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed a financial report with the balances as of January 1, 2011 and June 9, 2011. Assets have increased by \$54,237.07 since the first of the year. Most of the increase is due to the annual meeting, specialty conference and the regional meetings. The Newsletter account is up \$2,488.71 since the first of the year. The balance in the IAWEA Water Projects account, \$10,106.83, has been transferred to the Newton Rotary Club Water Project. The group discussed the results for the spring short course which have not yet been received. Apparently the results are anticipated to be zero or a small loss. At this point the annual meeting receipts are approximately \$59,000 and anticipated expenses are approximately \$45,000, so our earlier concerns of a loss are relieved. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Murat Akyurek, to accept the report of the secretary/treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

B. Delegates' Report

Gary Schellhorn reported they had a good WEFMAX meeting in Davenport. WEF has a new executive director. Gary remarked he has been impressed with the changes at WEF in the past few years. Apparently they have been listening to the MAs and the operators! Dan Riney reported he attended the WEFMAX meetings in Louisville and Davenport. He was able to discuss several items with the new WEF executive director.

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: Jonathan Brown reported Region 1 had a planning meeting for their October meeting.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported Region 2 had their spring meeting at NIACC on April 14 with approximately 100 attendees. They will be holding a planning meeting for their fall meeting in the near future.

Region 5: Jeff May reported Region 5 held their spring meeting in March with approximately 50 attendees.

Region 6: Kam Reeves reported Region 6 held their annual meeting on May 11 with 105 attendees. Taylor Hopper made a presentation on Project Aware. Kam brought up the DMACC scholarship fund but did not have much success with donations.

D: Correspondence

a. Jay Brady reported a letter of response was received from Senator Grassley for the letter the IAWEA sent to him discussing several wet weather issues.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**A. Constitution & Bylaws Update**

Jim McElvogue discussed the draft Constitution & Bylaws which had been distributed to the group by email earlier. Changes have been made to the Award Committee after comments were received from the Awards Committee chair. The Constitution & Bylaws are being updated to bring them into compliance with WEF requirements. The membership approved the method of voting on Constitution & Bylaws changes earlier this year. After discussion, it was moved by Murat Akyurek, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to endorse the changes in the June 2011 draft of the Constitution and Bylaws and to authorize the presentation to the membership for a vote. Motion carried.

B. Iowa Only member Dues

This item covers two concerns: membership fee increase and the prorated membership fee. After discussion, it was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Mark McGuire, to make the Iowa only annual membership fee \$30 and to make the fee \$15 after July 1 for the balance of the year. Motion carried.

C. Water/Wastewater Worker of Iowa Proclamation

Jim McElvogue reported that due to Bob Watson's efforts, Governor Branstad will be issuing a proclamation for Water/ Wastewater Workers' Week. The proclamation will take place at the Ames WPC Plant on July 28 at 10 AM. Jim urged everyone to attend including as many members of the IAWEA Executive Committee as possible.

D. Operator Advancement Award

Jim Utter reviewed the historic procedure for making the operator advancement awards, which involved the IDNR Regional Administrators. Apparently current IDNR regional people do not wish to be involved at this point. No changes were suggested at this time.

E. Spring short course follow up meeting with AWWA

Murat Akyurek discussed his opinion on the situation. Jay Brady discussed several items causing problems leading up to the spring meeting. Those items and others were discussed at the follow up meeting with AWWA and apparently there is a willingness to work and compromise on the process. After further discussion, it was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Murat Akyurek, to continue negotiations for a 2012 contract until September 15, 2011 or we are done. Motion carried.

G. Other Items

A. Keith Hobson discussed a meeting he had with Scott Wienands, Bob Watson and Carla Schumacher to plan the fundraiser for the DMACC scholarship fund to be held at the FFA Center at DMACC on September 9th. After discussion, it was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Mark McGuire, to make the \$2,000 seed money a donation to the scholarship effort. Motion carried.

B. Murat Akyurek will serve as the local arrangements chair for the 2012 annual meeting and a co-chair will be solicited.

Item VI Adjourn

President Riney declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer