

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

March 18, 2008

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Country Inn and Suites, Council Bluffs, Iowa on March 18, 2008.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Nolan, at 10:05 a.m., with the following Executive Committee members present: Jay Brady, Jim McElvogue, Gary Schellhorn, Paul Nolan, Kevin Moler, Michael Tripp, Scott Wienands and John Ringelestein. Also present were Ed Askew, Mike Wallner and Hank Pangelina.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were added: 5.E. Water for People Committee, 5.F. Water for People Activities. It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Jay Brady, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Scott Wienands, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, to approve the minutes of January 11 & 12, 2008 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2008, and March 18, 2008. Total assets are up over \$18,000. Most of the accounts have increased by interest only. The Operations Account is up over \$20,000 for the year. The Region Checking Account is up slightly for the year. The Newsletter account is up approximately \$500 and also has had a loan of \$4,000 from the Operation Reserve. It was moved by Mike Tripp, and seconded by Jay Brady, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

B. Delegates' Report

Gary Schellhorn reported the two-city rotation letter was sent to the WEF Executive Director and WEF President. The letter has also been provided to several other MAs for them to submit to WEF. Gary will be attending the WEFMAX meeting in Philadelphia. Chuck Weir, WEF Treasurer, will be the WEF representative at our annual meeting in June. Scott Wienands reported he had checked the delegates' website and found no new additions have been made. Paul Nolan reported that Charlie Stevens has been nominated for WEF delegate at large. Paul has submitted a letter of support for Charlie's nomination. Paul will be looking into new lapel pins for the Association.

C. Regional Directors

Region 4: Michael Tripp reported their spring meeting will be held in Corning on April 4th. Paul Nolan will be the opening speaker. The program will focus on wastewater reclamation and reuse. Mike reported he had polled the Region 4 officers concerning the response to the NRDC petition and the consensus was to send the response even if no one else agreed to sign on.

Region 2: Kevin Moler reported the Region 2 meeting will be held on April 3rd.

Region 6: Jay Brady reported the Region 6 meeting will be held the second Wednesday in May in Washington.

D. Correspondence

- a. Paul Nolan circulated a copy of the letter he had submitted in support of Charlie Stevens's nomination for delegate at large.
- b. A letter was received from IDNR discussing the Water Shed Approach for Effluent Standards.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Final budget

Details of the final budget were discussed including the funding of the Chloride/TDS studies. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Kevin Moler to approve the final budget as presented. Motion carried.

B. Water Quality Academy

Ed Askew discussed the EPA Water Quality Academy and what it might involve to sponsor sessions in Iowa. Considerable discussion was held concerning the project and what it would cover. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Scott Wienands, to authorize Ed Askew to form a work group and develop a sponsorship package for a Water Quality Academy Workshop. Report will be made at the June Board meeting. Motion carried.

Ed is intending to work with the Lab Practices Committee to restart the Eastern Iowa Lab Symposium as a joint effort with the AWWA Lab Practices Committee.

C. Research Proposal from Dr. Michael Thompson

It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, to authorize the President to sign the agreement for the research proposed by Dr. Thompson. Motion carried.

D. Response letter to NRDC petition

Paul Nolan reported he had sent the NRDC petition response letter to Steve Johnson, EPA Administrator. Mike Tripp asked if a letter that explained the petition and response in layman's language to administrators, supervisors and city council members would help explain the situation. And where is WEF on this subject?? The Committee discussed exploring membership in NACWA. It was moved by Scott Wienands, and seconded by Kevin Moler, to fund Gary Schellhorn's attendance to the NACWA meeting in Washington, D.C. in May. Motion carried.

E. Water for People Committee

It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, to affirm the Water for People Committee as a standing committee. Motion carried. Harris Seidel will be asked to develop a description and purpose statement of the committee for the handbook.

F. Water for People Activities

It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Scott Wienands, to authorize the Water for People Committee to hold a silent auction at the annual meeting. Motion carried. The Committee discussed the 501c(6) designation the IWPCA has with the IRS.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Biosolids

Scott Wienands reported the annual Biosolids Conference will be held tomorrow, March 19, at DMACC in Ankeny. The conference has one of the largest preregistrations ever. Several IDNR personnel from the regional offices will be attending. Scott discussed an AP story that was rehashing old news about the Augusta, GA biosolids problem. The City of Augusta had messed up and caused problems, which are not typical of biosolids operations.

F. Exhibitors and Vendors

Jay Brady reported the letter is ready to be sent to potential exhibitors. Electrical costs were discussed. Hank Pangelina will request the email exhibitor packet from the Mid America Center.

H. Government Affairs

Jay Brady inquired about the status of a meeting with Rich Leopold. Paul Nolan has been working on this but logistics are a problem. After discussion, Paul will try to get a meeting set up with Jim McElvogue, Gary Schellhorn Kevin Moler and Ted Payseur participating. How can we develop a better relationship with the IDNR? Jay Brady is planning to attend the antidegradation meeting in Des Moines next Monday. Jay will contact Greg Sindt to see if he is able to attend. Jim McElvogue discussed some of the proposed changes in Chapters 60, 62, 63 and 64 of the Code. Some appear to be very difficult! The Water Shed Advisory Committee formation is proceeding. Drugs may become a wastewater topic in the future.

I. Great Plains Management Conference

After discussion, it was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Scott Wienands, to remove the Great Plains Management Conference as a standing committee. Motion carried. The IWPCA will continue to support the Great Plains meeting.

N. Local Arrangements

Hank Pangelina has nothing new to report. He does have some questions for the Mid America Center staff when we tour the facility after the meeting. Hank asked for input on the menu for the banquet. Audio and video needs were discussed. The Tuesday night board meeting will be held in the room we are in now and will start at 7 PM.

O. Membership

Jay Brady discussed issues with membership renewals and address changes at WEF. WEF has changed from Access to Excel for membership records, which makes it difficult to merge with the Iowa membership files and to update records.

Q. Newsletter

Jay Brady reported there will be another issue out soon and another before the annual meeting. The Executive Committee commended the Newsletter Committee on their efforts. Jay stated most of the credit goes to Jim Stricker for his efforts.

U. Public Relations/Public Education

Jim McElvogue reported there will be a Stockholm Jr. Water Prize candidate. Laurie Twitchell judged the science fair in Indianola and he and Scott Wienands judged the science fair in Cedar Rapids. After the science fair in Ames, a winner will be chosen.

Y. Web Page

Lance Aldrich is the new webmaster.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Kevin Moler, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, to adjourn the meeting.

President Nolan declared the meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer