

IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 8, 2005

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ames Water Pollution Control Plant, Ames, Iowa, on March 8, 2005.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Carla Schumacher, at 10:05 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Dave Rotschafer, Gary Schellhorn, Jay Brady, Jim Stricker, Steve Moehlmann, Charles Stevens, Dave Elias, Carla Schumacher, Tim Snyder and John Ringelestein. Also present were Jerry Rattenborg, John Dunn, Scott Wienands, Jim McElvogue, Bob Main, Maryann Ryan and Mark McGuire.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 14 & 15, 2005

It was moved by Charles Stevens, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the minutes of January 14 & 15, 2005 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Balance sheets taken on January 1, 2005, and March 7, 2005 were distributed. Various items were reviewed including upcoming revenues and liabilities. The financial condition of the John Hall Project was reviewed. Considerable discussion was held concerning the finances and ongoing activities of the project. The Government Affairs will follow up with John Hall concerning the project. It was moved by Dave Rotschafer, and seconded by Jay Brady, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

B. Directors' Report

Charlie Stevens reported Jan Anderson, Dave Rotschafer, Carla Schumacher and he will be attending the WEFMAX meeting in Tucson, Arizona on April 7-9, 2005. They are trying to arrange to show the "Black Gold" video as one of the accomplishments of the IWPCA. Mohamed Dahab will be the WEF representative at our annual meeting.

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: Jerry Rattenborg reported that Region 1 will be holding their next regional meeting the last Wednesday of October.

Region 2: Steve Moehlmann reported Region 2 will be holding the spring meeting on April 7 in Mason City. The program will feature the security workshop presented by the Department of Natural Resources.

Region 3: The regional meeting will be held in Storm Lake on March 22.

Region 4: Tim Snyder reported their spring meeting will be held on April 1st in Griswold.

Region 5: Jim Stricker reported their spring meeting will be held in Centerville on March 30 at the Manhattan Restaurant. Considerable discussion was held on maintaining mailing databases for the regions.

Region 6: Dave Elias reported their annual meeting will be held on May 11 in Washington, Iowa. Topics will include sewer maintenance and stormwater.

D. Correspondence

A. Gary Schellhorn

The Secretary/Treasurer received a thank you note from Gary Schellhorn for the flowers he received from the IWPCA during his recent illness. Gary also expressed his and Mary's appreciation for all the support they received from the IWPCA members.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. CEU Issuing Agency (Main)

Bob Main reviewed the CEU Issuing Agency Program of the IWPCA. Bob emphasized that the Association is the issuing agency and that the CEU Administrator serves as the clearinghouse for approving CEU credit for programs sponsored by the Association. Bob reviewed content requirements for CEU credit and procedures for approving programs for credit. The Exec. Committee discussed the need for a handbook for the various committees that provide educational programs. Bob will be providing an article for a future newsletter. A new issuing agency agreement with the IDNR will be needed soon.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

X. Water for People

Bob Main reported the committee met in late January and reviewed the project in Xicotepec. Bob and Steve Jones will be traveling to Xicotepec to work on the project next week. Bob briefly described the project.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

B. John Hall update and next moves identified

Further discussion of the John Hall Project and the DNR situation was held.

C. NPDES Permit Fee bill review and discussion

Discussion was held on the legislative bill concerning permit fees. It appears we need a stakeholder meeting to discuss fees by March 31 to discuss what bill, if any, to support, the amount of money involved and how are fees going to be collected.

The meeting was recessed at 12:15 PM and reconvened at 12:38 PM.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

M. Laboratory Practices

Maryann Ryan reported the committee just met and will meet again in April. The committee is planning for the fall short course. Topics will include field kits for nitrates, chlorine, pH, iron, etc., overview of solids in wastewater and how to do the TDS analysis. Other topics may include gadgets and gizmos, quiz show, overview of the new UHL facility in Ankeny, voluntary lab analyst certification and how to do the SOUR test.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

E. QAPP Update

Maryann Ryan reported the first round of training had been held. Several people commented on the difficulties encountered at the first training session. Carla reported that EPA was to sign off on the QAPP proposal but now they are revising and commenting on the proposal! Lots of confusion on this project at the DNR and EPA! Discussion on why DNR is pushing for data by September 2005, when April 2007 is the target date.

D. Opportunity to join drinking water groups for Capitol Day on March 9, 2005

Carla had received an invitation to join the drinking water groups and participate in a Capitol Day. Since the focus is going to be drinking water issues, she felt our participation would not be helpful from the IWPCA viewpoint and suggested we decline the invitation. Maybe this would be something we could do in the future if the focus is not strictly a drinking water issue. Consensus was to decline the invitation.

C. NPDES Permit Fee bill review and discussion

Discussion continued on the permit fee bill. Currently the DNR has the authority to impose permit fees with the revenue going into the general fund. Current bill would allocate the revenue to the permit program. After discussion, it

was moved by Dave Elias, and seconded by Dave Rothschafer, for the IWPCA Board to support the bill if any fees that are collected will go to the appropriate department budget area and if an opportunity is given to offer suggestions for the allocation of the collection of fees from the permit holders. The goal would be for the department to do their work and be more efficient in what they do. Motion carried.

F. Other Items

Dave Elias asked about the progress of the ad hoc TMDL/Watershed Committee. Charlie Stevens reported two meetings had been held which Jim Stricker facilitated. A chair had not yet been selected. Jim Stricker reported Ted Payseur is going to meet with Wayne Gieselman of the IDNR to discuss TMDLs and offer the assistance of the IWPCA in the process. Mary Skopec was to supply the committee with the DNR draft of the Cedar River TMDL work plan. Apparently IDNR is not willing to do so. The committee has deferred on setting a date for the next meeting until Ted can meet with Wayne. There is no long-term plan for what the TMDL program will do in the State of Iowa. Considerable discussion followed.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

C. Biosolids

Charlie Stevens reported the annual Biosolids Conference will be held on March 16th. Fifty people have signed up at this point. The committee is trying to get some attendees from the Cattle Producers Association.

H. Government Affairs

The Government Affairs has been very busy with the Legislature in session. Charlie Stevens reviewed the written report submitted by Ted Payseur. The IEC has drafted a sign-on letter discussing how Federal funding cuts are affecting programs in Iowa. After discussion, it was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to authorize the Government Affairs Committee to sign on to the letter in behalf of the IWPCA. Motion carried.

D. Collection Systems

Carla reported she attended the Collection Systems Conference last week. It was a good meeting. Pins were awarded to everyone who holds voluntary collection system certification.

F. Exhibitors and Vendors

Jay Brady reported the exhibitor letter for the annual meeting is ready to go out. Scott Wienands suggested that electrical access be included with every booth.

I. Great Plains Management Conference

Carla reported she will be moderating a session at the conference.

N. Local Arrangements

Scott reported everything is ready.

Q. Newsletter

Gary reported an issue is coming out soon. The deadline for the next issue is April 1st.

R. Nominating

Gary reported the committee almost has a full slate to present at the annual business meeting.

S. Operator Certification

Jim McElvogue reported the committee continues to move forward.

T. Program

Gary reported the committee met briefly last week and everything is almost complete. They are in the process of verifying speakers. The Sec./Treas. reported April 13th is the deadline for the flyer and hopes to mail around April 22nd. The April membership report will be used to generate the directory.

U. Public Relations/Public Education

Jim McElvogue reported the new display has been ordered, received and used. Jim presented several examples of paper and printing for the new brochure for a decision from the Exec. Committee. Judging for the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize will be held at science fairs on March 19th and April 1st. More judges are needed.

The Children's Water Festival is coming up in May. Scott Wienands reported the letter has gone out for the calendar advertising. Ninety surveys were sent out on the 2004 calendar with 66 returned. Report will be generated for the IDNR.

Y. Web Page

John Dunn reported the committee met a few weeks ago. The committee has an interest in developing a members only section for the web page. The committee researched other association websites to see the extent of the use of advertising by other associations. Six out of 45 sites are using advertising. The committee will work with the Exhibitors and Vendors committee to develop a survey to see if there is any interest in advertising. John urged everyone to submit programs to be listed on the web page.

D. Collection Systems (continued)

Mark McGuire passed around pins, which had been developed and awarded to certified collection system operators. There were 109 attendees and 18 vendors at the Collection Systems Conference last week. The next committee meeting is in Marshalltown in April. The renewal period for certification will change to July 1 in 2007.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Jim Stricker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. President Schumacher declared the meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer