

IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 3, 2005

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ramada Convention Center, Waterloo, Iowa, on May 3, 2005.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Carla Schumacher, at 10:08 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Dave Rotschafer, Gary Schellhorn, Jay Brady, Steve Moehlmann, Charles Stevens, Dave Elias, Carla Schumacher, Tim Snyder, Jerry Rattenborg and John Ringlestein. Also present were John Dunn, Scott Wienands, Ted Payseur and Craig Wilson.

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 March 8, 2005

It was moved by Dave Elias, and seconded by Charlie Stevens, to approve the minutes of March 8, 2005 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Balance sheets taken on January 1, 2005, and May 2, 2005 were distributed. Various items were reviewed. The financial report will be completed in the next few days and will be forwarded to the financial review committee. The tax return for fiscal year 2004 will be filed before the May 15 deadline. 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 attended the WEFMAX meeting in Tucson, Arizona on April 7-9, 2005. Charlie discussed several of the topics presented at the meeting including newsletters, "Tap into Water" program, and renaming WPC plants to water reclamation plants, etc. Notification that we have 542 members as of March 31, 2005 was received. WEF is in the process of updating the strategic plan for the Federation. Dave Rotschafer reported our delegation presented portions of the two DVDs the Association has produced at WEFMAX. Discussion of integrating the Iowa only membership in the WEF was continued. Gary Schellhorn commented on the demise of the stand alone "Operators' Forum" magazine and its inclusion as an insert in the WEF Journal.

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: Jerry Rattenborg reported that Region 1 will be planning their next regional meeting in the near future. The regional security meeting had approximately 300 in attendance. The next Board meeting will be on May 12 with the fall meeting on October 6 featuring water treatment.

Region 2: Steve Moehlmann reported the spring meeting in Region 2 featured the security workshop presented by the Department of Natural Resources.

Region 3: No report.

Region 4: No report

Region 5: No report

Region 6: Dave Elias reported their annual Region 6 meeting will be held on May 11 in Washington, Iowa. Topics will include sewer maintenance and stormwater. There are already 109 people registered.

D. Correspondence

None.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Blending Letter

Carla Schumacher reported she had sent a letter in support of WEF's position on blending. A copy of the letter is available on the web site.

B. John Hall funding update

The status of the billings from John Hall and Associates was discussed at length. There are several items connected with the amicus filing which were not expected and may not be appropriate for payment by IWPCA when the filing was done at the request of Hall & Associates. It was moved by Charlie Stevens, and seconded by Dave Elias, for Carla to negotiate a settlement with Hall and Associates (estimated at \$7175 reduction) concerning the amicus brief and pay the bill. Motion carried with Gary Schellhorn voting nay and Jerry Rattenborg abstaining.

C. Stakeholder Advisory Group of the Upper River Mississippi River Subbasin Hypoxia Nutrient Committee Update from John North, Water Utilities Director, Cedar Rapids Water Department

John North discussed the background, which resulted in the formation of the group. The advisory group has held one meeting so far and anticipates 4 meetings a year for the next three years. They will be looking into the nitrogen and phosphorous nutrients, which contribute to the hypoxia zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

D. Other Items

None.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

R. Nominating

Gary Schellhorn reported a full slate of candidates is ready for presentation at the annual business meeting.

Q. Newsletter

Gary Schellhorn reported an issue of the newsletter is being printed now and will be in the mail shortly. The conference issue will be out towards the end of the month.

T. Program

Gary Schellhorn reported the program is complete and all speakers have been confirmed. The Wednesday morning session will be a joint session with split sessions in the afternoon featuring small systems, large systems and collection systems. Thursday will also feature split sessions and Friday will feature a security presentation and the collection systems exam. The Stockholm Jr. Water Prize candidate will be present on Thursday with her exhibit.

The meeting recessed at 12:33 PM and reconvened at 12:49 PM.

C. Biosolids

Charlie Stevens reported on the Biosolids Conference.

E. Collection Systems

Dave Elias discussed some concerns he had with the Collections System Conference, the appearance of excessive give away items and income. Dave Rotschafer will address the concerns with the chair of the Collection Systems Committee.

H. Government Affairs

Ted Payseur reported during the past year the League of Municipalities has been more cooperative, a relationship has been established with the rural water group and a relationship has begun to be developed with the City Managers' group with a presentation made at their annual meeting. The committee is discussing strategy on a relationship with IDNR concerning the impact of stream reclassification. Dave Fox has volunteered to work with the IEC on items we can agree on.

The group toured the convention facilities.

E. Education

Charlie Stevens discussed the need of training for members in speaking to the public and councils, etc. He also discussed a need for training in the area of TMDLs and watersheds. Jay Brady suggested we may want to consider partnering with APWA and AWWA for training for the members on how to grow their careers as well as the previously mentioned topics. Charlie reported he had received an invitation for the Association to have a free booth at a Farm Bureau meeting in Des Moines and would like advice on how to proceed. Consensus was to attend if people were available to staff the booth.

N. Local Arrangements

Scott Weinands reported everything is all set. Scott and Craig Wilson met with the convention center staff this morning to go over the exhibit arrangements. Dave Fox is handling arrangements for the golf outing to benefit the "Water For People" program. The group discussed the possibility of making larger booth spaces available for vendors since we have the space available this year. If requests for larger spaces are received, the group felt we should do it.

K. Industrial Pretreatment

The Industrial Pretreatment Conference was held at the Amanas with approximately 50 people in attendance.

U. Public Relations/Public Education

John Dunn discussed the problem with errors which appeared on the new IWPCA brochure during printing. The printer has agreed to do what is needed to resolve the problem. After discussion, it was felt the Committee Chair should negotiate with the printer for a substantial discount or reprint the brochure.

V. Research

Carla Schumacher reported she had been contacted by the University of Iowa concerning the final payment for the H₂S Research Project. We are waiting for Steve Jones to review the project before making payment.

W. Water for People

Carla Schumacher reported the committee had met, work is continuing on the Mexico project, and the group will be holding a fundraiser at the annual meeting. Steve Jones will report on the Mexico project at the Wednesday luncheon.

I. Great Plains Design Conference

Carla Schumacher reported there were four wastewater people from Iowa in attendance. Carla moderated one of the sessions.

TMDL (as hoc)

Dave Elias reported the TMDL group is being formed at IDNR. He discussed the process IDNR is planning to use for meetings, information, etc. Steve Hershner, Charlie Stevens, and Dave will be getting the word out to the Association membership as it becomes available.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Tim Snyder, and seconded by Jerry Rattenborg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. President Schumacher declared the meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer