

***IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 14, 2008***

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ames Water Pollution Control Plant in Ames, Iowa on November 14, 2008.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Kevin Moler, at 10:03a.m. with the following Executive Committee members present: Fred Bayer, Scott Wienands, Kevin Moler, Darin Jacobs, Jim McElvogue, Michael Tripp, Jim Stricker and John Ringlestein. Also present were: Dan Fleege and Steven Dickey.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Jim Stricker, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, to approve the agenda as printed.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Fred Bayer, to approve the minutes of September 14, 2008 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed financial reports for January 1, 2008 and November 13, 2008. Assets are up \$1,290.33 since the beginning of the year. Changes in various accounts were reviewed. The Newsletter has received a loan of \$5,000 from the Operations Reserve Fund. The Industrial Pretreatment Conference had a net income of \$48.50. The group discussed the situation with meetings in Region 3. It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Scott Weinands, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

B. Delegates' Report

Scott Weinands discussed activities at WEFTEC. Scott is a member of the workgroup looking into the results of a survey of MA/WEF relationships and Jim Stricker is a member of the workgroup working on ways to fund infrastructure improvements. The survey done by Scott's committee reveals there is a breakdown in communications between WEF and the MAs. Scott distributed information on how WEF works. The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of an IWPCA survey. The two-city rotation for WEFTEC was an interesting topic of discussion at the House of Delegates meeting. It took a half hour for the chair of the meeting to determine a motion from the floor was out of order even though it wasn't. WEFTEC will be in Orlando in 2009, Los Angeles in 2010 and then will be a two-city rotation between New Orleans and Chicago. Jim McElvogue attended the membership committee meeting where WEF discussed the new membership database. The database should be up and running by the end of 2009 at a cost of one million dollars. After discussion of the cost of attending WEFTEC for delegates, it was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Mike Tripp, to reimburse our delegates for out-of-pocket costs incurred. Motion carried. Jim Stricker complemented all directors and delegates

who have served previously. He found much of the information and training provided at WEFTEC rather lacking. He noted that WEF does it their way and IWPCA does it our way. Methods may not be the same and may not mesh.

C. Regional Director

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported the fall meeting was held at NIACC in Mason City on October 4th. There were 75 attendees. Income was approximately \$2,800. The spring meeting will be held on April 2, 2009. The region committee met last Wednesday to set up the program for the spring meeting. The program will focus on DNR rule changes for chlorides, TDS, etc. and disinfection options.

Region 4: Mike Tripp reported their fall meeting had 65-70 attendees. He thanked Kevin Moler for his opening remarks at the meeting. Region 4 has purchased a projector to be used at various meetings. Their next meeting will be the first Friday in April, 2009.

Region 5: Fred Bayer reported the Region 5 meeting was held on October 29th in Newton. There were 50-60 attendees. The spring meeting will be the last Wednesday in March, 2009 in Newton.

D. Correspondence

a. Kevin Moler discussed the TMDL limits which had been set in Pennsylvania. Kevin sent a response letter to EPA. EPA responded they had received several requests for a peer review of TMDL limits.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. IWPCA Staffing

Scott and Kevin discussed the information they had received from the Kansas MA. They distributed a copy of the contract Kansas uses. They have also requested information from Arizona on their paid staff situation. The Committee discussed ways to push membership and promote the value of IWPCA membership. This topic will be discussed at the retreat in January.

2. College Curriculum

Kevin Moler reported on the progress to get a wastewater training program set up at DMACC. Members of the committee have been meeting with the staff at DMACC to get classes set up. Challenges to get the program up and running are setting up a scholarship program and developing a formal internship program. Kevin said we should congratulate Bob Watson on the effort he has made to get this program started.

C. Anti-Degradation

Kevin Moler reported EPC is moving forward and telling everybody to get out of the way. This action will have a major impact on dischargers and subsequently rate payers.

D. Chloride/Sulfate Standards

Kevin Moler reported test results of the chloride/sulfate study need to be reviewed. He had sent an email to the Executive Committee earlier this month to get authorization to proceed, but only four committee members responded. We need to approve the expenditure of \$3,500, which is available for this project through our budget and donations, for the review of the test results. It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Scott Weinands, to authorize the expenditure of

\$3,500 to review the chloride/sulfate study results. Motion carried.

E. Poker Run – Water for People

Kevin Moler discussed the proposed poker run fundraiser for Water for People. The consensus of the group was to support the effort providing IWPCA was properly indemnified from liability.

F. Collection Systems Communication

A member of the Collections Systems Committee wants to pursue mandatory certification for collection system personnel. A discussion of the history of collection system certification and the hurdles to be overcome followed. President will follow up on the request.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:51 AM and reconvened at 12:25 PM.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

D. Collection Systems

Mark McGuire filed a written report of the September 25, 2008 Committee meeting. Glen Petersen reported the voluntary certification program needs modification. ABC is increasing the fee for exams which will require an increase to \$45 for exams. The renewal fee is being increased to \$20 to cover costs. Glen reported on an Idaho exam survey and responded to questions on CEU acceptability. ABC is coming out with a new standardized exam in January, which will require the purchase of an exam CD. The annual Collection Systems Conference will be held March 4-6, 2009 in Marshalltown. The committee discussed making a push for mandatory collection system certification.

E. Education

Jim Stricker reported the committee met last Friday to plan for the spring short course. The program is set and the committee is in the process of contacting speakers. Kevin reported he had contacted Ed Brinton as a possible committee chair, but Ed declined the position.

G. Financial Review

Keith Hobson is the new chair of the committee with Matt Streeter as a committee member. Mike Fields will also serve as a committee member for a year as he steps down as chair.

H. Government Affairs

Ted Payseur attended the regional Government Affairs meeting in Kansas City.

J. Industrial Pretreatment

Fred Bayer reported they had a good meeting at the Holiday Inn in Ames with 50+ people in attendance.

K. ISU Water Quality Club

Dan Fleege, President, and Steven Dickey, Vice president and Treasurer, reported on the activities of the Club. Membership is approximately 15-20. Several speakers have presented at Club meetings. New cabinet members are being recruited as well as new members. The Club participated in the student design competition at WEFTEC in Chicago. Spring '09 objectives include a field trip to a WWTP, demo for grade schoolers, more speaker meetings, make and sell club tee shirts, recruit more freshman and sophomores and assemble a WEFTEC '09 design team. Dan and Steven thanked the IWPCA for their support.

O. Membership

Jim Stricker reported the committee will be meeting next Wednesday, November 19th. Jim McElvogue reported that WEF announced at the WEFTEC membership meeting that they will no longer carry an inventory of printed material. They are moving to a print-on-demand program at several locations to lower costs.

P. Newsletter

Jim Stricker reported 4 issues are already out this year and a fifth issue is close to ready for the printer.

Q. Nominating

Paul Nolan and his committee are working on it.

R. Operator Certification

Jim Stricker reported the Joint Certification Committee will be meeting next Friday. The Joint Committee approved the point system classification for water and wastewater plants at their last meeting and sent it to the IDNR with the recommendation that it be incorporated into the operator certification rules.

T. Public Relations/Public Education

Jim McElvogue reported they had a good response at the Iowa Science Teachers' Conference held at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines. The Water Resource CD was distributed to the participants. The committee will be working on the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize. At the last Executive Committee meeting, it was suggested that IWPCA may want to participate in the League of Cities annual meeting. The 2008 meeting was in September and we were not able to look into it.

W. Water for People

Mark Cramer provided a written report which was distributed to the group. The report covered the activities of the Water for People group for the year. Fund raising activities, which totaled \$19,664 year to date, were reviewed. The group is working on their action plan for 2009.

X. Web Page

Lance Aldrich filed a written report saying he was getting caught up with changes. He urged the regions to send information for inclusion on the webpage.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Moler declared the meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer