

***IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
November 15, 2005***

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 15, 2005.

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President David Rotschafer, at 10:03 a.m., with the following Executive Committee members present: Jim Stricker, Paul Nolan, Gary Schellhorn, Carla Schumacher, Steve Moehlmann, Charles Stevens, David Rotschafer, Tim Snyder, Dave Elias, and John Ringelestein. Also present were: Ted Payseur, Andy Venzke and Jack Duangmanee.

**ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Carla Schumacher, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the minutes of September 27, 2005 as printed. Motion carried.

**ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2005, and November 15, 2005. As of November 14, 2005, the Operations checking account had a balance of \$35. Consequently, \$1,000 was transferred from the Operations Reserve Account to maintain cash flow. The State of Iowa has not yet paid the invoices totaling \$9,900 for the training calendar and results of the spring and fall short courses are not yet known. The situation concerning the liability to Hall & Associates was discussed. It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Jim Stricker, to pay the balance owed to Hall & Associates with the additional donations, which have been received, and use the Special Projects Reserve to make up the difference, any additional donations will be returned to the Special Reserve Account until the amount used is replaced. Motion carried. It was moved by Charlie Stevens, and seconded by Jim Stricker, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

**B. Directors' Report**

Charlie Stevens reported he left his notes at his office and will be filing a brief written report later. He did report the formation of a WEF Water Shed Task Force headed up by Lynn Orphan. He commented that some of the committee reports do not reflect what was actually happening at the committee meeting. Communication between WEF committees and the MA committees are virtually nonexistent.

Gary Schellhorn reported WEF is starting a "Water is Life" campaign and is asking for moral support from the MAs. WEF contributed \$10,000 to Katrina Red Cross relief. A long-range task force will be looking at the future of WEF. The WEF Safety Committee situation resulted in a

discussion of the “sunset” provision for committees. Gary echoed Charlie’s comments that committee reports do not accurately reflect what was said in the meeting.

Dave Rotschafer saw the same situation in the committee meetings he attended. WEF is losing the operator base so Bill Bertera is preparing a proposal to make state-only members a part of WEF as non-dues paying members.

### **C. Regional Directors**

Region 1: Dave Rotschafer reported the Region 1 meeting was held on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Manchester with approximately 160 in attendance. Adam Schnieders gave a presentation on the proposed Water Quality Standards. Dave pushed the fact that this was real and could be very costly to communities. Some members of the IEC were invited but did not show.

Region 2: Steve Moehlmann reported Region 2 will be holding their spring wastewater meeting on April 13, 2006, at NIACC in Mason City. The spring meeting for Region 2 was the security presentation and many wastewater operators did not think the CEUs would qualify so they did not attend. As a result, several operators are coming up short on CEU credit for renewal.

Region 4: Tim Snyder reported the Region 4 meeting in October had approximately 75 people in attendance. City council members and city officials were invited to attend free of charge and a few accepted. A speaker from DNR discussed the proposed Water Quality Standards.

Region 5: Jim Stricker reported the Region 5 meeting was held in Newton on October 26 with 70-75 people in attendance.

Region 6: Dave Elias reported Region 6 will have their annual meeting next spring. A planning meeting will be held in December

### **D. Correspondence**

None.

## **ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. ISU Water Quality Club**

Andy Venzke, IWPCA liaison, and Jack Duangmanee, Webmaster, were present to represent the ISU Water Quality Club. Jack reported the club has held 3 meetings this fall with presentations from Steve Jones on the Water for People project as well as other speakers. The club partnered with the ASCE Club to make presentations to seventh grade classes in local schools. The club visited a wastewater plant in Chicago. On behalf of the club, Jack thanked the IWPCA for our support. The club website is linked from the IWPCA website.

## **ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Position Statement on Stream Use Classification**

Ted Payseur reported the proposed Stream Use Classifications will be going back to the EPC as a final rule with little change in January. Ted discussed the proposed legislation, which will be sponsored by Senator Black for the next session. The Government Affairs Committee will be meeting on Friday at the Ames Water Plant at 8:30 AM to do a review to prepare a final draft by November 28<sup>th</sup>. The proposed legislation is to be back to Senator Black by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The DNR

has posted four lists of communities which will be impacted by the water quality standards on their website. The comment was made that if the DNR really wants to get serious about water quality they need to push watersheds. Jim Stricker remarked that for stormwater permit cities one of the requirements will be a watershed analysis. Ted reviewed the changes in the proposed legislation. Ted proposed having John Hall or another attorney review the proposed legislation. After discussion, it was moved by Paul Nolan, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to send the letter from EPA and the draft legislation to John Hall for comments pending a reasonable review schedule and a budget not to exceed \$5,000. It was moved by Charlie Stevens, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to amend the motion that Ted is the contact and to discuss the intent to complete the review in the required time frame and to give an initial limit of \$5,000 with a cap of \$8,000. During discussion it was noted that if John Hall was not available, other attorneys may be available for the review at the discretion of the Government Affairs Committee. The motion on the amendment carried with Dave Elias and Carla Schumacher voting nay. The original motion as amended carried with Dave Rotschafer, Carla Schumacher, Dave Elias and Jim Stricker voting nay.

The meeting recessed at 12:35 PM for lunch and reconvened at 12:54 PM.

### **B. Update on John Hall Project and Funding Situation**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **C. Strategic Planning progress**

Dave Rotschafer will be calling people in December to get something going.

### **D. QUAP Update**

Dave Rotschafer reported everything was going according to plan. According to Maryann Ryan, all sampling has been completed.

### **E. Discussion of WEFTEC meeting and meeting with Iowa's Senators**

Dave Rotschafer was disappointed with the reaction of the Senators to the discussion items. It is obvious that money is drying up in Washington so we can expect little help from the Fed level. As a first time WEFTEC attendee, Dave said the conference was eye opening and big. Gary Schellhorn met with Representative Nussle for a brief time. Elizabeth Hamilton is his aide on Water Quality issues. Gary mentioned to her that water quality issues will be a very political issue in small towns during the next year. Gary also attended sessions of the House and Senate.

### **F. Other Items**

Charlie Stevens reported that he had attended the WEF Strategic Planning Committee at WEFTEC. One MA has added a member of their student chapter to their Executive Committee.

## **ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### **B. Awards**

Jim Stricker reported he presented the Operator Advancement Award to Scott Cole and the City of Colo at their Council meeting.

### **C. Biosolids**

Charlie Stevens reported planning is complete for the Biosolids Annual Conference on March 15 at DMACC.

### **D. Collection Systems**

Dave Elias reported the committee is in the process of planning the annual conference. He mentioned that Paul Druivenga is concerned about the direction of the leadership of the committee. The committee spends a lot of money and doesn't manage the mailing list very well. Concerns about shirts for the committee members were discussed. Paul Nolan will discuss the matter with Mark McGuire.

#### **E. Education**

Jim Stricker reported the committee met 2 weeks ago to start planning for the spring short course. The CEU plan is on line. Dave Rotschafer reported there were some articles on CEU reciprocity in "Opflow" magazine. Apparently there have been problems with people maintaining operation certificates with CEUs from other states. Dave thought maybe the Education Committee should look into procedures for granting reciprocity for CEUs. Tim Snyder reported several People Service personnel have operation certificates from several states and have not had problems with CEU reciprocity.

#### **H. Government Affairs**

Ted Payseur has discussed with Lyle Christian of the Nebraska WEA the possibility of an annual meeting of the Government Affairs Committees from Iowa, Nebraska and other surrounding states. A meeting is scheduled for December to set up a planning group.

#### **J. Historian**

Jim Stricker reported that Lynn Pitts has been cleared to return to work at his day job pending his ophthalmologist's OK.

#### **N. Local Arrangements**

Carla Schumacher reported the committee has reserved the hotel.

#### **O. Maintenance**

Steve Moehlmann reported the committee is working on the annual meeting. The biggest issue is what topics are eligible for CEUs and for which certificates. Steve asked if the IWPCA had submitted the application for a new issuing agency agreement. Dave Rotschafer will look into the matter.

#### **P. Membership**

Carla Schumacher reported the committee has not done anything yet but will be getting started soon.

#### **Q. Newsletter**

Gary Schellhorn reported the next issue will be going out around December 15<sup>th</sup>. Dave Rotschafer commented that several MAs have contracted out their newsletter activities. Gary responded that the major problem is getting people to submit articles.

#### **R. Nominating**

Carla Schumacher reported John Ringelestein and Judy have indicated they will stick around a while longer as Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **S. Operator Certification**

Jim Stricker reported the joint operator certification committee is looking into reciprocity and CEUs from out of state. A mild controversy about representation on the committee is still simmering. The committee is working on developing pathways for operator advancement for Grades III and IV. The DNR rejected applications from 3 pretreatment operators to take the Grade IV wastewater test due to

lack of DRC experience and an appeal was filed with the committee. The committee is not an appeals board and is only advisory in function. It is up to the applicant's plant superintendent to provide the support for meeting the DRC requirement.

**T. Program**

Carla Schumacher reported the committee is working on it.

**X. Water for People**

Charles Stevens reported planning is in progress for the construction of the project in Mexico. The committee has a new chair.

**Y. Web Page**

Dave Rotschafer reported things are going more slowly than anticipated for the listserv project.

Charles Stevens indicated he would like to see the Watershed Committee reenergized and would consider giving up the Biosolids committee chair to assume the chair of the committee.

Dave Rotschafer reported the President does not have a cell phone either personally or for work, which has caused some communications problems. After discussion, it was moved by Jim Stricker, and seconded by Steve Moehlmann, to provide a cell phone for the President. Motion carried. The Secretary/Treasurer will make the arrangements.

Ted Payseur remarked that the APWA web site has a page called "shop talk" which can be used for comments, questions and responses. Perhaps the IWPCA web site could establish something like it through the listserv service.

**ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Charles Stevens, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to adjourn the meeting. President Rotschafer declared the meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer