

IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 16, 2004

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ames Water Pollution Control Plant, Ames, Iowa, on November 16, 2004.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Carla Schumacher, at 10:04 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present, Dave Rotschafer, Jerry Rattenborg, Jim Stricker, Charles Stevens, Tim Snyder, Dave Elias, Steve Moehlmann, Carla Schumacher, J.B. Anderson and John Ringelestein. Also present were Ted Payseur, Jim McElvogue, Jim Utter, Mark McGuire, Jim Obradavich and Konni Cawiezell from the Iowa League of Cities.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Dave Elias, and seconded by Jim Stricker, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

It was moved by Dave Rotschafer, and seconded by Steve Moehlmann, to approve the minutes of September 21, 2004 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Balance sheets taken on January 1, 2004, and November 14, 2004 were distributed. Assets have increased approximately \$1,202 since the first of the year. Most of the accounts have increased due to interest. The Newsletter account is down \$8,373.67, which includes three issues of the newsletter. The Operations account is down \$3,728, part of which is due to the transfer of \$10,000 to the Special Projects account. Regional activity with education has resulted in an increase of \$2,763.07 in the region checking account. The Special Projects account is up \$10,037.87 due to the transfer and interest. Major expenses for the remainder of the year are approximately \$1,250 for the WEF annual meeting and the \$2,500 contribution to the John Hall Project (to be paid from the Special Projects account). We have not yet received an invoice for the CEU registration for the annual meeting. No financial results have been reported for the Spring Short Course at this time. We have received contributions of \$6,000 for the John Hall Project with another \$1,000 on the way. It was moved by Dave Rotschafer, and seconded by Dave Elias, to accept the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

B. Directors' Report

Jan Anderson reported on the Saturday Board meeting he attended at WEFTEC. Jan reported the group broke up into four focus groups to examine issues facing the WEF and the MAs. Topics included the relationship between the WEF and MAs, services provided by WEF for MAs, WEF and MA membership and WEF's global presence. Jan reported Australia has dropped its affiliation with WEF. Charlie Stevens reported two other groups had dropped out of WEF, the Atlantic WEA and the WEA of Nigeria. The leadership succession in the WEF for the next several years will work on developing a common vision among the upcoming officers. Developing more cooperation between WEF and MA committees will be a priority. WEF will also be exploring the decline in membership at the WEF and MA levels.

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: Jerry Rattenborg reported he is the Director-elect for Region 1. Dave Rotschafer reported there were 140 people in attendance at the Region 1 meeting on October 27.

Region 2: Steve Moehlmann reported Carla Schumacher attended their fall meeting as the representative for the AWWA since the fall meeting focuses on water issues. Their spring meeting will be on April 7, 2005, and will feature the DNR's presentation on security issues. The meeting will be held at the Musicman Square in Mason City.

Carla Schumacher urged the regions to post information concerning their meetings on the IWPCA website.

Region 3: No report.

Region 4: No report.

Region 5: Jim Stricker reported the fall meeting for Region 5 was held on October 27 at the Adventureland Inn in Altoona with 72 people in attendance. The spring meeting will be held on March 30, 2005, in Centerville. The IDNR Security meeting will be held on March 9th in Newton.

Region 6: Dave Elias reported Region 6 will hold their next regional meeting in May. A planning meeting will be held in December or January. Dave has also contacted the University of Iowa concerning the research project on H2S and further funding. The principal researcher is currently in Korea and will be back next semester.

D. Correspondence

None of any consequence for the Committee.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Governor's Volunteer Service Award Ceremony

Carla reported she had attended the presentation ceremony for the award. She passed around the certificate the Association received. The certificate will be framed and displayed at various IWPCA functions. Photographs of the presentation have also been received from the Governor's Office.

B. Quality Assurance Plan for Monitoring of Point Source Outfalls and Receiving Streams for Nutrients, Common Ions, and Total Dissolved Solids Progress Update

Carla Schumacher reported Dr. Askew and Dr. Baumann have developed a draft proposal for the Quality Assurance Plan. The proposal initially includes 25 facilities. DNR funding is still an unresolved issue. Charlie Stevens commented that the CAFO program at DNR is taking a lot of the available funding and other programs are suffering. Ted Payseur reported the Government Affairs Committee is waiting to get bids back from several labs and then will approach the DNR about funding possibilities. Ed Askew is to be commended for all his work on this project.

C. Regional Information to be posted on the WEB page

This item was discussed under the Regional Directors reports.

D. Hosting a National Biosolids Meeting – Biosolids Committee

Charlie Stevens discussed the situation concerning WEF Biosolids meetings. WEF Biosolids meetings are currently booked through 2010. There is a possibility that the IWPCA could host a meeting on a "hot topic" in the near future. The Biosolids Committee is wondering whether the Executive Committee would support hosting this type of meeting. It was moved by Charlie Stevens, and seconded by Dave Rotschafer, to support the Biosolids Committee in their pursuit of a national "hot topic" conference. Motion carried.

E. John Hall Project Update

Ted Payseur reported the Government Affairs Committee and other interested parties met with John Hall last week. John Hall discussed what other states have been doing concerning issues involving water quality standards. Mr. Hall will be preparing a draft position paper on several topics in early December for review by the Government Affairs Committee and other parties. The issue paper will be sent to the Executive Committee members when they are available. Jim Stricker thinks the IWPCA should articulate our priorities and develop our own proposal and priority list. A comment was made that the Legislature needs to establish science-based priorities. Jim Obradavich suggested the IWPCA wait and see what the next move is by the opposition. Carla Schumacher commented that one of the difficulties we have is being able to communicate developments or situations to our membership in a timely manner. One possible solution would be to establish an Internet list service. Konni Cawiezell, League of Cities, described list services they have provided to various groups and what they could do for the Association. The possibility of establishing a list service will be a topic at the January retreat.

F. Formation of TMDL/Watershed Committee

Carla Schumacher appointed Charlie Stevens, Jan Anderson, Dave Rotschafer, Ted Payseur, Jim Stricker, Dave Elias, Steve Hershner, Lyle Christianson and Ed Askew to the committee. Jim Stricker volunteered to organize the first meeting of the committee.

The meeting recessed at 12:10 PM for lunch and reconvened at 12:33 PM.

Charlie Stevens introduced Jim Obradavich to the group. Jim described his activities as a lobbyist for various groups during the legislative session. Jim mentioned 2 areas he sees as possible items during the upcoming session-NPDES fee increase on municipal facilities and unsewered or undersewered communities. He could provide a lobbying presence on a day-to-day basis during the legislative session. The Executive Committee will discuss this topic at the retreat.

G. Responsiveness to Public Comments as an Association

Carla distributed a copy of a letter she had written to the EPC concerning CAFOs. Ted Payseur commented the intended rule for open feedlots will be out for public comment soon. Questions that arise concerning various issues like these could be put out over a list service for comments and input from the membership.

H. Collection System Renewal CEU period change to be the same as the operator CEU period

Due to some confusion and misunderstanding, this situation has not been resolved. Carla has discussed with various parties involved and they are working on resolving the situation.

I. Other Items

>Renewal permit spike-Carla reported that Angela Chen, DNR NPDES Coordinator, will be holding stakeholder meetings on the 2006 permit renewal spike. The meetings will be in December or January.

>Support letter- the Committee discussed writing a letter to support the appointment of Kevin Jacobson to the EPC. Carla will draft a letter and make it available to the Committee members to use for their personal support if they desire.

>Joint Operator Certification Committee Bylaw change-Jim Utter explained the proposed change. The words "or individuals" as eligible for membership would be removed. It was never intended for individuals to be members of the JOC. It was moved by Tim Snyder, and seconded by Charlie Stevens, to vote yes on the Bylaws change. Motion carried. Jim also asked for a yea or nay from the Executive Committee about allowing the Iowa Association of Water Agencies to be a member of the JOC. After discussion, it was moved by Dave Rotschafer, and seconded by Tim Snyder, to vote "no" on membership for the IAWA. Motion carried with a nay vote by Steve Moehlmann.

>Strategic Planning at the January retreat- Carla discussed the possibility of using a portion of the retreat for strategic planning. After discussion, Carla and Dave Rotschafer will confer on strategic planning for the retreat.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Biosolids: Charlie Stevens reported the committee is completing the planning for the 14th Annual Biosolids Conference, which will be held on March 16th. Topics include odors, nutrient management, biosolids certification program, capital equipment, composting and public perception.

D. Collection Systems: Mark McGuire reported the committee will be meeting later this week to complete planning for the Collection Systems Conference which will be held on March 3rd and 4th at the Best Western in Marshalltown.

U. Public Relations/Public Education: Jim McElvogue reported the committee is working on the new brochure for the IWPCA, getting ready for Science Fair judging, and working on the revisions for the budget for the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize winner.

No other committees submitted reports.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Schumacher declared the meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer