

***IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 27, 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 September 27, 2005.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, David Rotschafer, at 10:10 a.m., with the following Executive Committee members present: Jim Stricker, Jerry Rattenborg, Carla Schumacher, Paul Nolan, Tim Snyder, Dave Rotschafer, J.B. Anderson, Charlie Stevens, and Jay Brady. Also present were: Gary Schellhorn, Jim McElvogue, Mary Skopec, Lynette Seigley and Maryann Ryan.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Jerry Rattenborg, and seconded by Tim Snyder, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Jim Stricker, and seconded by Jerry Rattenborg, to approve the minutes of August 9, 2005 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Jay Brady read the following written report prepared by the Secretary/Treasurer. As of September 17, 2005 assets have decreased \$8,633.24 since January 1, 2005. In addition, the Association has a liability in the amount of \$8,972.13 outstanding to Hall and Associates. We will be receiving a refund of \$568.30 from the hotel for overcharges at the annual meeting. Invoices for the calendar totaling \$9,800 have been submitted to IDNR. All expenses have been paid for the calendar. The final result for the annual meeting was a net income of \$7,526.81 of which \$4,125.12 was from exhibits and \$3,401.69 was from attendees. We have not received an income report for the spring short course. The fall short course was just completed with 265 total attendees. Major expenses for the balance of the year will be for attendees to WEFTEC for \$6,000 of which \$864.50 has been paid. Contributions to the John Hall project to date total \$29,710. Invoices totaling \$26,025.64 have been paid. A balance of \$3,684.36 is available to reduce the liability to Hall & Associates. Balance sheets taken on January 1, 2005, and September 17, 2005 were distributed. Considerable discussion was held concerning the status of the John Hall Project. It

C. Regional Directors

Region 1: Jerry Rattenborg reported the Region 1 meeting will be held on October 26 in Manchester.

Region 5: Jim Stricker reported the Region 5 meeting will be held on October 26 at the Iowa Rural Water Building in Newton.

D. Correspondence

a. Iowa Environmental Council response to IWPCA's letter of resignation from IEC.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Position Statement on Stream Use Classification

Jay Brady distributed copies of the position statement. He noted that some members will agree with the position and some may not. The stakeholders group is working against the current proposal. The hearing dates in the original notice were incorrect and a corrected hearing schedule has been issued. Considerable discussion followed. It was moved by Jerry Rattenborg, and seconded by Jan Anderson, that the Executive Committee go on record with a vote of confidence for the efforts of the stakeholder attendees. Motion carried.

B. Update on John Hall Project and Funding Situation

This topic was discussed under the Secretary/Treasurer's report.

C. Strategic Planning progress

Dave Rotschafer stated the president needs to get busy with this project.

D. QUAP Update

An email had been received from Ed Askew inquiring about progress on the TDS QUAP project. Mary Skopec reported EPA provided \$80,000 in funding for the lab work in the project. The cost of the contract lab was more than expected so the project had to be scaled back by eliminating analyses not relevant to the issue of TDS and chlorides and added cations and anions on effluent only. Maryann Ryan met with Mary Skopec after the annual meeting and addressed changes in language and analysis methods in the proposal. Additional changes were made later by EPA. Maryann stated the creditable data law and the use of the contract EPA lab was also a concern. Maryann discussed the particular lab being used and the requirements of EPA on the lab. The burden of defending the lab results rests with the lab. Blind samples are going to be sent to the lab along with collected samples as an additional control on the contract lab. Maryann stated the committee was comfortable with the lab results from the contract lab. Mary Skopec has discussed the timing of the study with Chuck Corell. The department wants to wait and use the results of the study before setting limits. The economic impact of the proposed limits were discussed. Jan Anderson asked if copies of the

are being given away in a lab Jeopardy session at the short course. The QUAP study has taken a considerable amount of the committee's attention so the lab analyst proposal is languishing at this time.

F. Other Items

Letter from Bob Watson: Bob is upset that the letter was not in the Reporter. Jay said the letter is not yet in the Reporter because it arrived after the last issue went to the printer. One of the points of the letter was how to develop a consensus of the membership. Jay was surprised that some people thought the study (H₂S impacts on operator health study at U of I) was to defend CAFO limits!

Collection System Training: More clarification is needed on this request.

The committee discussed the hearing on water withdrawal fees. There were no attendees from the group.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Biosolids

Charlie Stevens reported the committee is working on the next annual conference.

D. Education

Tim Snyder reported the committee has just completed work on the fall short course and the committee will be starting planning for the spring short course at their next committee meeting. John Veach sent his thanks to all those who stepped in and helped out with the fall short course while his wife was in the hospital.

H. Government Affairs

Charlie Stevens reported he had attended the IOWATER Executive Committee meeting. The DNR has approached IOWATER to do UAAs. IOWATER has job shadowed Tetratex to learn how they can improve quality control and quality assurance in a volunteer organization. They are looking at test methods and kits, which can be used for testing. They have done some snapshot testing and will be doing some more this fall. IOWATER is also looking at doing stormwater testing for cities over 10,000. IOWATER mini-grants of \$1000 for water testing deadline is December 30, 2005. Focus for the IOWATER annual cleanup program this year is the Iowa River. Charlie requested that a link be established from IWPCA's website to the IOWATER site. Charlie distributed a list of the public hearings on the Water Quality Issues and a list of people located in the vicinity of each meeting who will be contacted to attend the meetings. The stakeholder group is discussing possible names for the group. The Administrative Rules Committee is meeting on October 11. Kevin Jacobson, Story City, is going to testify on the fiscal impact of the new regulations on his city. Someone else will be speaking on budget needs. Six no votes are needed to trigger a regulatory impact analysis. The ARC

activities.

N. Local Arrangements

Carla Schumacher reported the committee is starting to work on things.

R. Nominating

Carla reported John Ringlestein has indicated he will stay on a few more years.

S. Operator Certification

Jim Stricker reported IAWA had petitioned to be a member of the Joint Operator Certification Committee but was rejected. IAWA then attempted to get Iowa Rural Water to drop out of the Joint Operator Certification Committee. The effort failed to pass after an IWPCA member on the Iowa Rural Water Board set the issue straight. The DNR is looking into setting up another stakeholder group. Jim reminded the committee that the Joint Operator Certification Committee is an advisory committee only and not a rule making body.

U. Public Relations/Public Education

Jim McElvogue reported Scott Wienands indicated calendar revenue is down and recommended increasing advertising fee to \$300. Item will be discussed at the retreat. Jim asked for suggestions for the header, which will be placed, on the display. After discussion, it was moved by Jan Anderson, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to use IWPCA and the logo on the header. Motion carried.

The Newton newspaper had an article on the Water for People project and Bob Main's involvement.

Charlie Stevens reported the Farm Bureau is releasing a press report to the newspapers concerning the Water Quality Standards.

Jay Brady asked if anyone knew what was happening with the Listserve project.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Charlie Stevens, and seconded by Paul Nolan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. President Rotschafer declared the meeting adjourned at 2:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer