

IAWEA Small Community Committee Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2018
HR-Green – Cedar Rapids, Iowa
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Attendees: Matt Wildman
Craig Hennager
Bob Watson
Dennis Hayworth
Eldon Schneider
Emily Linebaugh
Craig Just
Lucas Elsbernd
Brian McWilliams
Adam Schnieders
Paul Horsfall
Nancy Buss
Nick Eisenbacher
Larry Bryant
Kim Fensterman
Lauren O'Neil
Teresa Enright

- I. Motion by Craig Hennager to approve the agenda. Seconded by Larry Bryant. All ayes. Motion carried.

- II. Wildman requested volunteers for committee. The following volunteered:
Chair – Matt Wildman
Vice Chair – Lauren O'Neil
Secretary – Nancy Buss
Treasurer – Emily Linebaugh
Website – Kim Fensterman

Wildman requested volunteers for leaders for each region. The following volunteered:
Region 1 – Kene Shoop
Region 2 – Matt Wildman
Region 3 – Craig Just
Region 4 – John Lee
Region 5 – Craig Hennager
Region 6 – Nancy Buss

- III. Technical Review Subcommittee Update:
The Gross-Wen technology is moving forward in Columbus Junction. The Tech Committee worked with Gross-Wen and Larry Bryant at various stages to review calculations, sizing requirements, etc.

The potential Algaewheel technology (<http://www.algaewheel.com/>) data review has gone dormant. The representative from Algaewheel was interested in a full-scale pilot (only possible at a research site) in Iowa at one point, but may not have secured funding. A town in eastern Iowa was interested in the technology, but no recent reports of interest have been shared.

The IDNR “approval process workflow” is to be reviewed. Larry Bryant has already shared a flowchart, but noted that some components will remain a bit ambiguous due to the varied nature of the technologies under review.

The IAWEA alt technologies checklist has been shared for comment and posting to the Small Communities webpage. IDNR prefers to simply link to the IAWEA page rather than post the actual checklist.

IV. Wildman provided an overview of participation in and feedback from the 2018 small community workshops. The agenda included the number of attendees at each workshop.

V. Group discussed planning for 2019 workshops. It was determined that the committee will partner with the Iowa Rural Water Association in development and planning of future workshops. The workshops will be held on Tuesdays from 4-7pm. The Regional Leaders are responsible for planning the workshops, which will be held in March/April. The cost will remain at \$25/attendee. Regional Leaders need to have the location selected by January in order to advertise and market the workshops.

VI. Open Discussion included the following:
Schnieders provided an update on the review of Senate File 512.

O’Neil discussed development of an IDNR intern program (W3) to introduce high school students to the water/wastewater operations career. Her goal is to state-fund the program for 4-5 interns that would work approximately 20 hours/week for 12 weeks. The program would utilize Kirkwood and DMACC for training, which would be a requirement of the program. A small committee was developed to assist O’Neil with the task.

Group discussed planning a small systems conference that would focus on operations and maintenance of lagoon systems. Craig Hennager volunteered to organize the all-day event with a goal of hosting it at DMACC in 2018.

VII. Upcoming Meetings:
October 2, 2018 and December 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Cedar Rapids office of HR-Green.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.