

IAWEA Small Community Committee Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2016
Grinnell Public Library
10:00 to 1:00

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes from last meeting and Agenda for this meeting
- III. Review of Action Items from Last Meeting
 1. Participation in IAMU workshops (Dustin) – *Abstract accepted for W/WW workshop in November (Jill Sonen)*
 2. March 1 Legislative Breakfast (Craig/Joe) – Committee Members Craig Just, Joe Bolkom, and Matt Wildman attended the breakfast. Craig had a poster presentation set up for the morning at the capital.
- IV. Technical Review Subcommittee
 1. Members
 - a. Kevin Moler, Larry Bryant, Craig Just, Jeremy Bril, Matt Wildman, Hayden Ausland, John Lee, Lauren O'Neil, *Tim Ellis, Steve Moehlmann*
 - b. First Meeting in April
- V. IA League of Cities June Workshops
 1. Focus on water infrastructure and rate setting
 2. Presentation by IDNR and Dustin Miller
 3. Content Recommendations
 - a. Understanding of DNR/EPA
 - b. Permitting
 - c. Enforcement
 - d. Operator Certification
 - e. Disadvantage Community Status
 - f. Selecting Technology
 - g. Selecting Engineer
 - h. Rate Setting
 - i. Bonding
 - j. Basic Terminology (SSO, CSO, Basement backups, etc.)
 - k. Case Studies – dos and don'ts
 - l. Basics of City Finance
 4. Workshop dates, locations and attendees? – *Flyer passed out with dates and locations for all the workshops.*
 5. *Discussion: How do Cities get ahead of the game?*
 6. *Roughly 35 attendees at each League Workshop in June.*
 7. *At the fall Conference (Sept. 14-16 in Des Moines) IAWEA usually has a booth. Talk to Kam Reeves about this for 2016 conference.*
 8. *Small towns may not know about industrial loads to their treatment plant*
 - a. *Sludge removal and contaminants in sludge*
 9. *Communication gap between operators and administration*
 10. *How many small towns have affidavit operators? There is no limit to the number of systems an affidavit operator can operate. Should this limit be 1 or 2?*

VI. Clarion Ruling (Larry Bryant)

1. What does this mean for small communities? – *The Iowa Environmental Council won the lawsuit and there is going to be internal discussion at the IDNR about how to react to the ruling. The ruling basically said that the City of Clarion did not account for the value of the environmental impact of a less degrading alternative and should have gone with a more expensive alternative.*

VII. Website

1. <http://www.iawea.org/content/small-communities>
2. Content Suggestions
 - a. Craig's Paper? – *Yes, include*
 - b. Project photos – *Send to Matt*
 - c. Current committee members name and email? – *Most in favor of inclusion*

VIII. Adjourn