

IAWEA Small Community Committee Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2017

HR Green – Cedar Rapids, IA

9:00 to 10:00

Attendees: Matt Walker, Kim Fensterman, Lauren O'Neil, Kene Shoop, Matt Wildman, Craig Just, Ted Payseur, Patti Cale-Finnegan, Rick Graves, Jim Carroll, Adam Schnieders, Larry Bryant, Harman Mallhi

- I. Approval of Minutes from last meeting and Agenda for this meeting – *Minutes Approved*

- II. Technical Review Subcommittee Update
 1. *WCS – Not enough data was presented for approval. Committee responded to WCS stating that the pilot was not scalable and that additional data was needed before further review would occur.*
 2. *Algae Wheel – Committee has requested additional information in order to complete further review of the technology.*

- III. Workshops
 1. Locations
 - a. Northwest Iowa – Craig (*Lake City, March 28*)
 - b. North Central Iowa – Craig and Matt (*Eagle Grove, April 6, Memorial Hall*)
 - c. New Hampton, March 21 (Northeast Iowa) – Harman and Lucas
 - d. Southwest Iowa – John (*Atlantic, Tim Snyder may be able to help*)
 - e. South Central Iowa – Craig (*Monroe on 4/11 or 4/18*)
 - f. Washington, April 4 (Southeast Iowa) – Lauren

2017 IAWEA Small Community Workshops Program

1. Workshops would be 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday or Thursday nights with dinner served around 5:30.
2. Cost ~\$20? (have to determine food availability)
3. Request volunteer host cities to find location and date in each region
4. Invitees would be city administrators, managers, council, mayors, pwrds
5. Advertising/Invitations through IAWEA, IA League of Cities, and USDA
6. Registration through CVENT. We need a program and cost information.
7. Schedule:

4:00 – 4:15 – Overview – Why you are here, Introduce IAWEA, Workshop and Presenters

4:15 – 4:30 – Regulations and Compliance

4:30 – 5:00 – Operator Training

5:00 – 5:30 – Funding Mechanisms

5:30 – 6:00 – Dinner

6:00 – 6:30 – Case Study with town, engineer, field office

6:30 – 7:00 – Questions, Panel, Small Group Discussions

Other Topics/Discussions:

- a. *Field Office – Enforcement*
- b. *USDA 15 min discussion*

- c. *Government Affairs discussion on Integrated Planning*
- d. *Mickey Shields – IA League of Cities – Rate Planning, communication*
- e. *Operator Training – DMACC, Organizations, Laurie Sharp – Op. Cert., start in High School with education, career days*

8. Presentation Outline/Topic Areas:

- a. Iowa DNR – Regulation updates, history of CWA, Timing of new regulations
 - b. DNR Field Office - Operator Training/Operator Availability/Operator Certification changes
 - c. Research – Provide a summary of research activities aimed at development of technology.
 - d. Consultant – High level discussion of treatment technology, I&I issues, or other content to be determined.
 - e. Case Studies – Invite towns in region to go through recent or current upgrade projects
 - f. SRF - Funding Opportunities, Municipal Advisor
 - g. Panel Discussion or large Q&A.
 - h. Tables for different groups to mingle with questions
9. Pass Out surveys at the end requesting content suggestions for next year's workshops

IV. Open Discussion

V. 2017 Meetings (10:00 a.m.)

- 1. 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 6/28, 8/23, 10/25
- 2. All Meetings will be at the HR Green office in Cedar Rapids with Conference Call Access

VI. Communication

- 1. Website
 - a. <http://www.iawea.org/content/small-communities>
- 2. Email Addresses
 - a. smallcommunity@iawea.org
 - b. smallcommtech@iawea.org
- 3. Content Suggestions always welcome

VII. Adjourn