

IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 4, 2006

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Hotel at Gateway Center, Ames, Iowa, on April 4, 2006.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Elect, Tim Snyder, at 10:15 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Jay Brady, Jerry Rattenborg, Hank Pangelina, Carla Schumacher, Charles Stevens, Tim Snyder and John Ringelestein. Also present were Ted Payseur, Jim McElvogue, Andy Venzke, Dale Watson, Mary Skopec, and Jack Duangmanee.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda: NPDES permit renewals, discussion of regulatory issues, and discussion of newsletter. It was moved by Charlie Stevens, and seconded by Carla Schumacher, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 27 & 28, 2006

It was moved by Jerry Rattenborg, and seconded by Carla Schumacher, to approve the minutes of January 27 & 28, 2006 as amended. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Balance sheets taken on January 1, 2006, and April 3, 2006 were distributed. Various items were reviewed. The financial situation of the John Hall Project and the Steve Pace project was reviewed. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Charlie Stevens, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

B. Directors' Report

Charlie Stevens reported he attended the WEFMAX meeting held in Lawrence, Kansas. Long Range Strategy Planning Sessions were held at WEFTEC05. At that time 93 items were identified as priorities by the group. Those priorities have now been reduced to 20 for higher focus by WEF. Charlie reviewed topics which were discussed at WEFMAX including WEFTEC06, legal status of constitution and bylaws, change in term length for WEF Board members which also involves a change in Board composition and size, Task Force update, Water for People, Water is Life program and efforts to increase communication between WEF and the MAs. During the Member Exchange session, Charlie discussed the Iowa Children's Water Festival. Charlie was asked if there was any progress on including Iowa only members in WEF and his response was he had not heard anything about it. Charlie announced that he has taken a position in Rifle, Colorado as of April 17, 2006. He will continue to maintain membership in the Iowa Association and would like to continue as our Director. His new employer is aware of his involvement with the Association.

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: Jerry Rattenborg reported that Region 1 has no report.

Region 4: Hank Pangelina reported their spring meeting will be held in Neola on April 7. Preregistration is one of the largest they have had. The fall meeting will be held October 6 in Griswold.

Region 6: Jay Brady reported the annual meeting for Region 6 will be held on May 10 in Washington, Iowa

D. Correspondence

A. WERF

A thank you note was received from the Water Environment Research Foundation for our donation in 2005.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. QUAP Update

Dr. Mary Skopec distributed copies of the draft summary report for the fall study of 100 cities. Considerable

discussion was held concerning the report. The proposed limits by IDNR are 860 acute and 374 chronic.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. ISU Water Quality Club

Andy Venzke and Jack Duangmanee presented a report on Club activities. Harris Seidel made a presentation on water quality in other countries and John Dunn led a discussion on watersheds at another meeting. Approximately 50 students attended last month's meeting. The meeting next week will feature GIS as the topic. The Club will have a booth at VEISHEA featuring water treatment. There are pictures on the Club website from VEISHEA two years ago. The Club would be interested in any scholarship development. Some members of the Club intend to volunteer to help with the Iowa Children's Water Festival. As always, the Club is always looking for speakers for their meetings.

The meeting was recessed at 12:16 PM and reconvened at 1:30 PM. During the recess, the group toured the facility in preparation for the annual meeting

N. Local Arrangements

Dale Watson, Local Arrangements Chair, discussed the arrangements, which have been made for the annual meeting. He distributed a preliminary budget for review.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

B. Discussion of Teleconferencing possibilities

Most of the discussion focused on the ability to make decisions on urgent matters in a timely manner. After discussion, it was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Carla Schumacher, to use the following procedure to react to urgent matters. If an immediate decision is needed, the person needing the necessary action will contact the President (if the President is not available, contact the President elect). The President, or President elect, will contact Board members by email or telephone to explain the situation and ask for input. A vote will be requested by a set time limit. Documentation and the vote tally will be made and forwarded to the Sec./Treas. for the record. Action taken will be attached to the agenda for the next regular Board meeting and made a part of the minutes of that meeting. Motion carried.

Quorum was lost at this point.

G. Other Items

Discussion of regulatory issues

Jay Brady discussed the stream reclassification rationale being used and the possibilities of negotiation or litigation to make some changes.

Discussion of newsletter

Jay reported there will be an issue coming out this month. The group discussed options for the newsletter.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

H. Government Affairs

Ted Payseur reported the bill is in the House this week. It is the same as Senate File 2363 passed by the Senate. There is discussion of adding funds for disadvantaged communities to the Bill. Ted urged everyone to thank Julie and Emily for their efforts on the Bill. Other issues of note are chlorides and dissolved solids, NPDES permit fees and the yet to be seen formula for setting the fees, eminent domain bill is still active and the competitive bidding bill has been passed.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Elect Snyder declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer

