

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 27, 2010

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames, Iowa on August 27, 2010.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Jay Brady, at 8:08 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Jay Brady, Jim Rasmussen, Scott Wienands, Gary Schellhorn, Michael Tripp, Darin Jacobs, Dan Riney, Murat Akyurek, Jim McElvogue, Kam Reeves, and John Ringelestein. Also present were: Eric Evans, Ed Askew, Mike Fields, Laurie Twitchell, Lance Aldrich, Steve Troyer, Bob Main, Patrick Brown, Greg Sindt, and Tim Snyder.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Scott Wienands, and seconded by Murat Akyurek, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Murat Akyurek, and seconded by Kam Reeves, to approve the minutes of June 1, 2010 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2010, and August 26, 2010. The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the changes in the various accounts. Total assets are up \$17,291.26 for the year. The Operations account is up \$11,534.59. The Regions account is down \$4,038.81 due to several donations made by Region 6. Interest income was approximately \$228! Annual meeting net income was \$19,294.70. It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

B. Delegates' Report

Scott Wienands discussed the membership survey that was conducted by WEF earlier this year. WEF has initiated an Executive Director search since Bill Bertera has resigned effective December 31, 2010. WEF has scheduled a Leadership Conference for October 5, 2010. It was moved by Michael Tripp, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, to approve the Delegate report.

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: No report.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported Region 2 will hold their fall meeting at NIACC in Mason City on October 7th. The focus will be on water issues.

Region 3: No report.

Region 4: Mike Tripp reported their spring meeting was held in Carson on April 2, 2010 with 80 attendees. They will have a fall meeting on October 1st in Carson.

Region 5: Mike Fields reported Region 5 will hold their fall meeting at the IRWA facility in Newton on October 27th.

Region 6: Kam Reeves reported Region 6 annual meeting looking forward to hosting the 2011 Annual Conference in Iowa City/Coralville. There are several large projects in progress in Region 6. Ottumwa is looking at “going green” with the possible installation of a wind turbine. The planning meeting will be held later this fall to begin work on their meeting next spring.

D: Correspondence

None.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Articles of Incorporation Amendment

The Secretary/Treasurer reported the Articles of Incorporation will have to be amended in order to change the name with the state. The amendment will need to be passed by the Executive Committee and then submitted to the state. The amendment will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting in October. Jim McElvogue discussed a constitutional amendment regarding votes by the membership.

B. Strategic Education Planning Initiative

Jay Brady discussed a proposal to establish an adhoc strategic education planning committee to look at the education issues facing the Association. This committee would be charged with looking into various delivery methods and means of providing education opportunities for the wastewater industry.

C. Operators Mentoring Group Initiative

Jay Brady discussed the idea of establishing a mentoring group of experienced personnel to assist the people who are new to the industry. After discussion, the consensus of the group was that it was a good idea.

D. Listserve Update

Jay Brady reported the League of Cities will be upgrading the Listserve product this fall to better serve the needs of the users.

E. Website Redesign and Service

Lance Aldrich reported a new website domain name (iawea.org) has been established and should be up in the near future. Discussion was held concerning the redesign and update of the website. Lance Aldrich and Laurie Twitchell will work on an RFP draft for services to redesign the website. Jim McElvogue commented we need to develop a new logo. Laurie Twitchell reported the Public Relations/Public Education Committee is working on a design logo contest for developing a new logo.

F. IAWEA/AWWA Short Course Update

Jay Brady reported there has been no progress on this issue. There may be some progress after new officers are installed by the AWWA in October. This topic generated a considerable amount of discussion. Jay summarized the action items as confirmation of venue for the April Short Course and to contact Mark Duben to finalize any agreement by October 15th in order to proceed with the spring meeting.

G. AWWA-IAWEA-UHL Joint Lab Symposium

Ed Askew discussed the proposal for a joint lab symposium in April, 2011. Arrangements are tentative at this time due to the situation with the AWWA on the short course issue. Ed distributed a proposed budget and discussed the location at the FFA Conference Center in Ankeny.

H. Membership Report

Murat Akyurek reported our WEF membership has fallen to 495.

I. WEFMAX 2011 Iowa Venue Update

Gary Schellhorn reported everything is set for April 22-23, 2011 at the Radisson in Davenport. Gary wondered how we would handle payment – IAWEA pay and get reimbursed by WEF or WEF pay direct. Secretary/Treasurer said it can be done either way. Gary also asked if the Association would be interested in providing some type of gift to attendees. After discussion, the consensus was to provide a gift. Gary will bring suggestions to the next meeting.

K. 2012 Annual Conference Des Moines Update

Murat Akyurek reported we have the dates of June 5-7, 2012 at the Sheridan Hotel in West Des Moines reserved. Room rates will be \$95/night. Murat will be meeting with the hotel next Monday to finalize a contract for signing. Jim McElvogue reported the Program Planning Committee will be meeting in September to start work on the 2011 meeting.

L. Survey Monkey Service

Jay Brady reported the Association has subscribed to the Survey Monkey Service. Ed Askew provided a brief description of the service and offered to assist anyone that wanted to make use of the service.

M. Government Affairs Update

Topic will be discussed during the retreat.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE ACTION/DIRECTION REQUESTS

Biosolids Committee: Steve Troyer the updated Field Guide for Biosolids is ready for publication in November. Funding in the amount of \$5,000 is estimated.

Newsletter Committee: Eric Evans asked who sets the advertising rates for the newsletter. Rates are set by the Newsletter Committee. Committee is looking into an electronic version of the newsletter for the website and has also started a cover photo contest. Prizes are needed for the winners of the cover photo contest. Newsletter Committee can purchase prizes as part of their activities.

License Plates: Kam Reeves provided information on personalized license plates which could promote the Association. He also asked if there was any merchandise such as shirts or hats available for the membership.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Brady declared the meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer