

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 15, 2019

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at Fox Engineering, Ames, Iowa on November 15, 2019.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Matt Wildman, at 10:03 AM, with the following other Executive Committee members present: Jon Koch, Jim Utter, Steve Hoambrecker, Kris Erickson, Darin Jacobs, Lance Greazel, Lyle Krueger, and Jim McElvogue. Also present were: Ted Payseur, Jason Loots, Matt Hawes, and Adam Smith.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Steve Hoambrecker, and seconded by Jon Koch, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Darin Jacobs, and seconded by Lyle Krueger, to approve the minutes of September 13, 2019. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: COMMITTEE ACTION/DIRECTION REQUESTS

A. Aims & Objectives

Nothing to report.

B. Annual Meeting

Jon Koch reported that the conference will be held in Davenport next year. The conference will more than likely have a Mississippi River theme with various sessions on that topic. Abstracts will be submitted online through RegFox through January 17, 2020.

C. Awards

Matt Hawes stated that the Award subcommittees will be contacted shortly to start the nomination process for next year.

D. Biosolids

No report.

E. Collection Systems

Curt Kampman submitted a written report. The next planning meeting will be held December 5th in Marshalltown. The conference will be held March 4-6, 2020 at Marshalltown. PACP training will once again be provided. Some special activities may be planned to recognize that this will be the 25th annual meeting.

F. Education

No report.

G. Exhibitors

No report.

H. Financial Review

No report.

I. Government Affairs

Ted Payseur reported that the CBOD issue is still something we want to pursue but IDNR has not been responsive. Matt Wildman updated everyone on the proposed elimination of the post high school education requirement for Grade III wastewater certification. It doesn't appear that this has much support from IDNR certification people but it is still a concern that higher ups might force this issue. Matt has written a letter from IAWEA opposing this change and others are encouraged to do so as well. Ted encouraged people to participate in the Nutrient Study survey. IDNR also seems to be soliciting input from CSO's to define goals and establish how to achieve compliance with federal regulations.

J. Historian

The historian has begun the daunting task of sorting through piles of accumulated material and getting it in some semblance of organization. It may take a while as he is taking the month of November off and will resume in December.

K. Industrial Pretreatment

Paul Ebert reported by email that they will be scheduling meetings in early 2020 to plan for the next Operators/Pretreatment Conference.

L. Laboratory Practices

No report.

M. Maintenance

The 2020 IAWEA Maintenance Conference will be held on January 28-29, 2020 at DMACC in Ankeny.

N. Membership

Jason Loots reported that some trouble with awarding free annual conference registration was experienced recently. Several winners thought they were existing members but were mistaken and therefore not eligible. Regions are encourage to obtain current membership lists before their meetings so eligibility can be documented right away.

O. Newsletter

Jon Koch reported that he always welcomes stories or even just ideas as the contractor will write those for us. He would also like Region Directors to call him with reports on what is going on around the state. Jon also encourages additional volunteers for the committee.

P. Nominating

No report.

Q. Operator Certification

Jim Utter reported that a meeting was scheduled for December 12th and officer elections was on the agenda.

R. Public Relations/Public Education

No report.

S. Research

No report.

T. Safety

No report.

U. Small Communities

Matt Wildman reported that six Small Community Workshops were scheduled but three were cancelled due to low registration numbers. The committee is going to focus on webinars to relate the pertinent information to city clerks, mayors, and council members.

V. Water for People

Taylor Hopper submitted a written report. Iowa Section AWWA raised just over \$8,800 making the 2019 total over \$14,000. The golf outing and motorcycle ride raised about \$5,800 for the Xicotepec projects.

W. Website

No report.

X. Young Professionals

Adam Smith asked about the possibility of attending the national YP conference. The Secretary reported that this is already covered in the Policies & Procedures Manual and the chair is authorized to attend.

ITEM V: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer submitted a written report with balances as of January 1, 2019 and October 30, 2019. The main difference was an increase of approximately \$18,000 in the Operations account due to recent conferences. \$100,000 was transferred from the Operations Money Market account to a CD to take advantage of a special incentive. It was moved by Jon Koch, and seconded by Steve Hoambrecker, to accept the report of the Treasurer. Motion carried.

B. Secretary's Report

No report.

C. Delegates' Report

Steve Hoambrecker reported that he attended WEFTEC where the new Director was introduced. Also, a new documentary called *Brave Blue World* will be released very soon. Keith Hobson has relinquished his House of Delegates Speaker position at WEFTEC but he has been selected WEF Treasurer. Steve also mentioned the WEF MA grant program and reminded everyone to keep this in mind. Jim Utter relayed that WEF has a multitude of educational programs available for MA use with more to come. Keith reported via email that WEF was going to focus on workforce development this year with special emphasis on operators.

D: Regional Directors

Region 1: Lyle Krueger reported that the Region 1 meeting was held October 2nd with attendance in excess of 180. The region authorized giving \$1,000 to the DMACC scholarship program. Brian Bowman from Waterloo was recognized as their Operator of the Year.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported that the attendance at their fall meeting on October 10th was about 110. No date has been set for the Spring meeting.

Region 3: No report.

Region 4: Kris Erickson reported that they had about 60 people at their Fall meeting. Tim Snyder was elected as the new Secretary.

Region 5: Lance Greazel reported that they had about 50 people at their Fall meeting in Newton.

Region 6: No report.

E: Correspondence

None.

ITEM VI: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. DNR Plant Optimization Program

No update.

B. Drinking Water Treatment & Distribution/Wastewater Collection & Treatment Internship Program

No update.

C. Midwest Student Design Competition

Adam Smith reported that Central States is hosting a regional student design competition. Last year a team from ISU won this competition and IAWEA contributed \$1,500 to their travel expenses. Adam recommended an increase in this amount so as to cover more of these costs. It was moved by Jon Koch, and seconded by Darin Jacobs, to increase IAWEA's contribution to \$2,000 per team. Motion carried.

D. Other Items

A request from DMACC was received to help them promote Onsite Septic System Training. Everyone is encouraged to spread the word about this training.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Wildman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McElvogue, IAWEA Secretary