

## NS-AWWA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

Location: Held Virtually via Zoom.

Mary Poe called the meeting to Order at 1:07 PM

### **ROLL CALL:**

#### Board members present:

Board Chairman: Mary Poe

Chair Elect: Craig Reinsch

Vice Chair: Marc Rosso

Secretary: Ryan Hurst

Treasurer: John Keith

Director: Teresa Konda

Trustee: Chris Miller

Trustee: Adam Darbro

Trustee: Mike Koenig

Trustee: Brian Gongol

Board members absent: None

#### Committee Chairs present:

MAC: Lee Dunn

Total Water Solutions: Dale Jacobson

#### Others present:

Lucas Billesbach NWEA

Rob Pierce

### **Approval of September Board Business meeting minutes:**

Ryan Hurst made a motion to approve the November 2020 board meeting minutes with corrections offered by Brian Gongol, Brittany Travers seconded, and the motion carried with all present voting aye.

### **Chairman's Report:**

Mary Poe welcomed our new board member Chris Miller and thanked Brittany Travers for her service in an unusual year and now moved to past chair. She then went over our new board members duties and changes in the roles. Theresa Konda will be in her role for 1.54 years.

For 2021 Mary talked about how the pandemic will continue effect our organization in every way. Hopefully with our experience gained in 2020 we can navigate it better. Also Mary indicated that hopefully we are able to have in person meetings by the end of 2021.

New Business Item number 9 was moved up since the speaker was on the call .

Water coalition NWEA/AWWA (Lucas Billesbach).

Lucas gave a report on the NWEA's goal of building cooperation outside of just NWEA and AWWA as it relates to other water organizations. Lucas indicated this idea is building from Brave Blue World Documentary. In Nebraska we recognize that water is one resource but it is fractured in its management from organizations.

Some of the organizations listed:

NWEA

Nebraska On-Site Wastewater Associations

AWWA

APWA

Nebraska Floodplain and Storm Water Managers Associations

Nebraska Associations of Resource Districts

Nebraska Water Resources Association

Nebraska Well Drillers Association

Water For Food

Nebraska State Irrigation Association

Rural Water Associations

Nebraska Groundwater Alliance

Nebraska Water Balance Alliance

Platte River Recovery Program.

Groundwater Foundation

Some of the goals of this Water Coalition

- Share Expertise around the management of Nebraska Water resources from multiple vantage points.
- Create efficiencies in the operations for our individual chapters.
- Create a unified water value statement to share with the public and other key stakeholders.
- Conduct a Semi-Annual conference on the management of our water resources within the state.

The Discussion moved towards how the Committee Total Water Solutions meets with this idea perfectly. It was decided that Dale Jacobson would be the main contact to work with this alliance/project. Ryan Hurst Volunteered to represent the Board also.

#### **Director's Report:**

Director's Report was presented by Theresa Konda. The highlights was that ACE will be set up virtual and in person both. UMC and YP Summit will be in person in Atlanta.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report was presented by John Keith. There was quite a bit of activity due to the fall conference. Last year we added a fall conference checking account. They charged \$14 a month so the account was closed.

Total of all accounts was \$157,510.31.

The 2019 taxes were done. The changes that were suggested was forwarded to the board and fixed.

The account is less than previous year however when accounting for the extra dollars in the account due to Fall conference it was an increase of \$23,000.

Some of the reason for increase was since we did not incur many expenses due to COVID. Also made more off-fall conference than budget. There has not been a report as to how much money we made off the 2020 Fall conference.

Motion to Approve the Treasures report by Marc Rosso Second by Craig Reinsch. Motion was approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Archives & History:** Rob discussed about his committee. He is looking to put a book together for our 80 year celebration.

**Audit:** No Report Submitted

**Awards:** No Report Submitted

**Budget:** Given by John Keith. Motion by Theresa Konda Second by Chris Miller to approve budget as presented. The motion was approved.

**Cross Connection:** Report Submitted

**Education:** Report Submitted. Mike talked about the USDA training options and small systems grants. John is looking for someone to take over the committee in the near future.

**Fall Conference:** Craig discussed that he is beginning the process. Mary suggested the whole board is on the committee. The conference will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**Fuller Award:** Currently has 4 members. Discussed that will leave at 4 members due to the passing of Jim Wells.

**Manufacturers/Associates Council:** No Report at this time.

**Membership Engagement & Development:** Marc, stated that we are down membership and 57 late membership payments.

**Nominations:** No Report. Theresa spoke about the need for a director nomination.

**Public Information:** Mary said no report but discussed the virtual poster contest. It turned out very well.

**Publications:** Report Submitted. Brian is trying a Listserv system for emails in the future.

**Research and Student Activities:** No report provided.

**Safety:** No report provided.

**Scholarship:** No Report.

**Small Systems:** No report provided.

**Top Ops: No Report**

**Total Water Solutions:** Submitted report for fall no report today. Dale is looking for some people to join the committee.

**Water for People:** Report Submitted

**Water Utility Council:** No report. The Washington Fly-in will be virtual.

**Young Professionals:** Report submitted.

**Community Engineering Corps:** No Report

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

1. Fall Conference recap (Poe)

Mary stated that the conference went way better than we thought it would. Had to cap the amount of people at 500. We expected only 100. The water licenses do not expire until the end of this year. Mary also discussed her feedback she had received on the good things about having material available later.

2. Confirm Committees and set Liaisons.

- Finalize Letterhead

Liaison List:

Archive History- Craig

Audit- none

Awards- Brittany

Budget-None

Cross Connection – Ryan

Education- None

Fall Conference-None

Fuller -None

MAC- Chris Miller

Membership- Marc Rosso

Research Student- Mary Poe

Safety- John Keith

Scholarship- Craig

Small Systems-None

Top Ops – Mary Poe

Total Water Solutions- Chris Miller

Water For People- Marc

Water utility Council- Mary Poe  
YP- Theresa  
Community Engagement Corp- Theresa  
ADHOC- Marc

3. 2021 Budget discussion/approval (Motion)

Budget was discussed during Johns Committee report

4. Diversity/Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee (Rosso)

Marc Talked about the kickoff meeting for this. He talked about some graphics that Olsson put together. A retreat is being considered for this and they are finding a focus.

5. USDA Trainings (Keith) / RCAP Round 6 Grant

Covered as part of Johns Education report

6. Update website with most current information (Gongol/Poe)

- Committee chairs review committee membership
- SOPs final? If so, replace with new

7. 2021 Retreat (Rosso)

The retreat is starting to plan. Marc sent out elements that we could discuss. Then once we look it over we will decide or take a survey on what we should discuss.

8. Investment Account action

Brittany shared some information about our investment account. Scott wants us to make a small change to our account. A Motion by John Keith and Second by Chris Miller to accept changes to our portfolio recommended by Scott. The motion was approved.

9. Water coalition NWEA/AWWA (Lucas Billesbach)

Discussed earlier

10. Miscellaneous / Announcements.

Theresa need to work out with the treasurer about money moving through the AWWA account as appose to Theresa Konda's personal account.

**Adjournment:** At approximately 3:10 pm, Brian Gongol made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Miller, with all in attendance voting aye, motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

Date and Location: March 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 PM

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Respectfully submitted by: Ryan Hurst, Nebraska Section AWWA Secretary

Minutes Accepted at the March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 AWWA Board Meeting