

Nebraska Section AWWA Board Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2010

The May 7 Nebraska Section AWWA board meeting was held at the Miracle Hill Golf Club, 1401 N. 120 St., Omaha, in the Legacy Room from 9 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.

Roll call: John Olsson, Teresa Konda, Rob Pierce, David Lathrop, Ben Day, Chad Roberts, Milo Rust, Doug Woodbeck, Bruce Dvorak, Rich Robinson, Mari Matulka, Mary Poe, Mike Wentink, Steve Kelley, Kevin Tobin and Xu Li.

Approval of Minutes: March 22 minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- 1) Pipe Workshop Committee revenues and expenses will be handled as a separate account.
- 2) WARN items
 - a. \$5,000 grant
 - i. \$376.87 has yet to be spent and for 2010; \$250 has been budgeted; \$626.87 total available for WARN this budget year
 - ii. Documentation of grant disbursement as per grant guidelines; David Lathrop will follow up with Sharon Philips
 - b. WARN Separate Organization from AWWA
 - c. NWEA annual maintenance support should be similar; David Lathrop to verify
 - d. Request WARN for 2011 budget year
 - e. WARN is a fledgling all volunteer group fulfilling an important niche; needs to be supported
 - f. LoNM reviewing liability of WARN steering committee; individual exposure may require \$1,000 to \$1,500 in liability coverage
- 3) All CDs have rollover in last year to higher interest rates; CD reserve is at \$40,000.02

Update on SOP: Ready for August retreat. After retreat, planned is to post SOP on website.

Director's Report

- 1) David LaFrance named new executive director of National AWWA — previously with Denver Water Authority in rates; business side of water utilities.
- 2) Tony Bilek to go to ACE
- 3) Annual conference dignitary Debra Kaye, consultant to Black and Veatch; President California/Nevada Section; Civil engineer... pumps

Director's report approved unanimously

Committee Reports

Archive and History: No new discoveries have been forwarded
Iowa/Nebraska history when part same section?
Ray McLeod as per Steve Kelley gave some oral history

Audit: After taxes

Awards

- 1) WISA, Meritorious, national awards a few nominations to date
 - a. WISA due June 1
- 2) Awards to be given out today, May 7; heroism award, Mike Sousek, Sam Barlean

- a. Press releases for award
- 3) Nominations for outstanding volunteer award needed
- 4) Meeting in Lincoln after June 1

Budget

- 1) 2009 taxes have been completed by Micek and Crouch, P.C. Budget Committee will review before May 17 submittal date.

Cross connection: Core dates have been set; have not settled on topics

Education

- 1) 90 plus people at pipe workshop; 33 operators
- 2) Some attendees from Iowa and adjoining states
- 3) Revenue to be tracked like preconference
- 4) Education award... did not receive one
- 5) Bookstore allotment \$600 due December 31
 - a. Use of allotment to purchase knick knacks to be given at fall conference?

Fall conference

- 1) April 22 teleconference held
- 2) Most of schedule filled out; a few slots still available
- 3) Joint tracks with NWEA discussed
- 4) Operator track again this year
 - a. Fluoride, Mike Wentink
- 5) AWWA conference leader next year, 2011
- 6) Source water protection; David Lathrop suggested Dennis Kahl, will follow up

Fuller Award: There will be an awardee.

Memberships

- 1) Mailings to certified operators and fall conference attendees who are not members; in past this has gained new members
- 2) All nonmembers who attend pipe conference will get a letter
- 3) National Pour It On Campaign
 - a. Goal of 6 or 7 utility members or service providers
 - b. Added larger cities of second class along I-80
 - c. National campaign requires cities with more than 5,000 service connection only 2 eligible; suggest recruiting efforts for all 15 anyway

18% of dues go to sections

Minimum of \$15,000 — Nebraska not even close to consider taking 18% of dues

Handed out assignments for recruitment efforts; one or two for each board member

Nominations: No report — August 1 report needed by Mari Matulka for Wise Water Words. Committee met in January. Committee has plan.

Public Information: 30 Class I cities were given mayor proclamations for Drinking Water Week, May 2-8; heroes awarded today, Mike Sousek and Sam Barlean; Omaha and Lincoln TV stations notified.

Publications: Wise Water Words deliver by end of May, 12 pages

Safety: One more from Omaha; up to six; same group as always; July deadline

Scholarship: No report

Small Systems Committee: Two workshops one in NE and SW by end of year

Student Activities: Water testing contest from four communities; two activities to date
Increase budget by \$100; approved by board unanimously

Water for people

22 teams, 19 sponsors; 88 golfers (22 sponsors last year)

Water Utility Council

Report will be in Wise Water Words

- Final legislative bills
- No longer need to send certified letters for water shutoffs
- Report on Washington Fly-In

Young Professional

- 1) YP groundwater festival in Grand Island, May 11; YP members will present
- 2) Tour planned for Platte West Water Treatment Plant; must be AWWA members due to M.U.D. security

Nitrate Ad Hoc Committee

- 1) April 15, Doug Woodbeck, Chad Roberts, John Olsson, Bruce Dvorak, Ben Day
- 2) Beatrice case study at 6 ppm as per Steve Kelley
 - a. Since 1960, nitrates levels have steady increase
 - b. Lower Big Blue NRD pays for three soil samples; Beatrice pays for three soil samples
 - c. Other possible initiatives: abandoning wells, reducing city fertilizing of lawns, feed lots
- 3) Other committee members welcome
- 4) 28% annual increases of systems that need to sample quarterly
- 5) Mission statement supports activities to address issue
 - a. Economic impact?
 - b. Education activities are needed?
 - c. Characterizing source of contamination?
 - d. Regulatory enforcement needed?
 - e. How to proceed with limited time and resources?

Member Survey

- 1) Mike Rosso preparing papers on findings
- 2) Committee winding down
- 3) Fall conference in preparation

Old Business

PO Box 94791, Lincoln, NE 68509-94791

New mail box is approved for all NSAWWA business

Google phone number; details still pending... e.g. actual #

Call list is Teresa Konda, John Olsson, David Lathrop, Eric Lee

Outsourcing Wise Water Words through National AWWA

- 1) Reports to Brian Gongol a month ahead of time; Brian to forward pictures and stories to national
 - a. Ads will cost more and be smaller; six business card ads instead of four per page
 - b. Currently 16 pages will go to 24 or 32 pages; will include national items and water op information... it will be a magazine and not a newsletter
- 2) Brian to take over publications in 2011; Mari to still be on committee to aid transfer
- 3) Fall newsletter to be done by Mari

July 22 meeting to be conference call only; starts at 9:30 a.m.

August 13 retreat, East Campus Hardin Hall, 9th floor, Valentino's for lunch

September Board meeting — Plan on it being scheduled (was tentatively scheduled)