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Meeting
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION
Des Moines Water Works
Tuesday, April 23, 2013
6:00 p.m.

1. Chair Items - Commission Chair John McCune called the meeting of the Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Amy Kahler, Recording Secretary, recognized a quorum of Representatives in attendance. Present were:

City of Altoona – Michelle Sloan (Rep), Vern Willey (EX-O), Karen Oppelt (Alt-EX-O)

City of Ankeny – Jim McKenna (Rep), Jolee Belzung, (EX-O),

City of Bondurant – None

City of Carlisle – None

City of Clive – Scott Cirksena (Rep)

City of Cumming – None

City of Johnston – Brian Wilson (Alt-EX-O)

City of Mitchellville – None

City of New Virginia – None

City of Norwalk – Tim Hoskins (Rep)

City of Pleasant Hill – Mike Daspit (Rep)

City of Polk City – None

City of St. Charles – None

City of Waukee – None

City of Windsor Heights – Louise Moon (Rep)

Des Moines Water Works – Graham Gillette (Rep), Bill Stowe (EX-O), Amy Kahler (Staff), Linda Kinman (Staff), Ted Corrigan (Staff)

Indianola Municipal Utilities – None

Polk County – E.J. Giovannetti (Rep)

Urbandale Water Utility – John McCune (Rep), Rich Foust (EX-O), Dale Acheson (Alt-EX-O)

Warren Water District – Merrill Heemstra (Alt Rep), Randy Beavers (EX-O)

West Des Moines Water Works – Jim Wallace (Alt Rep)

Xenia Rural Water District – Dawn Engman (Rep), Dan Lovett (Alt Rep)

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Louise Moon, seconded by Jim McKenna, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Financial Statements – Amy Kahler reviewed the 2013 fiscal year cash flow worksheet, noting that we're on track with revenue, and under budget with expenses. The ending balance for the third quarter of the fiscal year is \$10,885.48. Membership dues have been received from all entities. A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Michelle Sloan and seconded by Scott Cirkseña. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Approval of 2013-2014 Budget – Amy Kahler, Recording Secretary, presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. Projected beginning balance is \$10,081.93. Revenues of \$3,967.31 are proposed based on membership dues consistent with the prior year's formula (\$100 base + .01/customer account). Expenses of \$750 for legal and accounting related activities are expected, leaving an ending projected fund balance of \$13,299.24. Louise Moon motioned to approve the 2013-2014 budget as presented, seconded by Mike Daspit. Upon vote, motion carried.

DMWW Water Shortage Plan – Ted Corrigan, Director of Water Distribution at Des Moines Water Works, presented DMWW's Water Shortage Plan. The sequential five-stage plan outlines the consumption reduction goals and tactics at each stage, including enforcement strategies. Mr. Corrigan emphasized the plan is not just for drought circumstances, but for any situation where there is a credible risk for a shortage of water resources. Mr. Corrigan emphasized that this plan is for DMWW's direct retail customers, and does not apply to wholesale customers.

Stage I – Voluntary 25% reduction in turf irrigation. No enforcement.

Stage II – Voluntary 50% reduction in outdoor water use (including turf irrigation). No enforcement

Stage III – Turf irrigation prohibited/No use of automatic irrigation systems. Enforcement consists of a 48 hour shut off tag and if watering persists, water service will be terminated. Termination fee will apply. Subsequent violations will result in termination of service and fees, including "Charges for the Unauthorized Use of Water/Meter Tampering."

Stage IV – Water rationing whereby all customers will be asked to reduce their consumption to a level at or below a representative average of off-peak months. Enforcement consists of billing any water used beyond the off-peak average at the water shortage rate (5 times the rate).

Stage V – Emergency conditions will trigger a reduction in demand to the lowest level which will meet public health and safety standards. Enforcement will be as appropriate.

Several representatives indicated their boards and/or councils have passed similar water shortage plans, or will follow the DMWW water shortage plan. Amy Kahler asked that communities report back to her if their governing bodies adopt a water shortage plan or pass a resolution in support of DMWW's water shortage plan.

Governance Planning – Bill Stowe, DMWW CEO and General Manager, questioned what CIRDWC's role could be in evaluating the feasibility of a regional water utility. Mr. Stowe acknowledged the concept of a regional utility is a sensitive topic, but it should be discussed nonetheless. There was much discussion related to existing models (e.g., WRA), political and legal challenges, and the best path of action to begin dialoguing about regional governance. After much discussion, Mike Daspit made a motion to form a planning committee, appointed by the Chair, to investigate a regional water utility. The motion was seconded by Graham Gillette. Upon vote, motion passed.

John McCune indicated he would appoint representatives to a committee to further study the issue and would report back at July's meeting.

Legislative Forecast – Linda Kinman reported the EPA is being sued for not requiring the Iowa DNR to perform required inspections on Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). The DNR originally requested 13 positions to perform the inspections, but has reduced its funding request to five new positions. Two appropriation bills for the DNR and IDALS are in committee.

Related to the Watershed Management Authority (WMA), Linda reported she is trying to schedule a joint meeting for June with other watershed management authorities in the state so the Middle/South Raccoon WMA can learn from more mature watershed organizations.

Linda distributed a joint letter dated 4/22/13 from Iowa Association of Water Agencies, Iowa Section-AWWA, Iowa Rural Water Association, Iowa Water Environment Association, and Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities addressed to Governor Branstad requesting that he appoint a person with direct knowledge and experience with water quality issues to serve on the Environmental Protection Commission.

Executive Committee Report – John McCune reviewed the Executive Committee minutes.

General Discussion –

None

At 7:50 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by E.J. Giovannetti, seconded by Mike Daspit.