



CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION

**Urbandale Library
3520 86th Street
Urbandale, IA
Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.**

1. Chair Items

Commission Chairman Jim Wallace called the meeting of the Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission to order at 6:09pm and welcomed all in attendance. All attendees introduced themselves. Present were:

City Of Altoona – Karen Oppelt (Alt-EX-O), Vern Willey (EX-O)

City of Ankeny – Tom Strait (Rep), Jim McKenna (Alt-EX-O)

City of Clive – Scott Cirksena (Rep), Bart Weller (EX-O)

Des Moines Water Works – Randy Beavers (Alt-EX-O)

City of Pleasant Hill – Tom England (Rep)

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

City of Waukee – Don Bailey (Rep)

City of West Des Moines – Jim Wallace (Rep), Jerry Stevens (Ex-O)

City of Windsor Heights – Louise Moon (Rep)

Approval of January 23, 2007 Minutes

Motion made by Scott Cirksena to approve the minutes, seconded by John McCune. Motion Carried.

2. Draft Water Alert Program

Randy Beavers of Des Moines Water Works presented a two page report outlining the proposed Water Alert Program. Randy reported that last June there was a peak usage of 92 million gallons a day. Seasonal fluctuations of 25 million gallons a day are possible based on changing weather patterns, and it is also not unusual for pumpage to drop to 37 million gallons per day in the winter months. Des Moines Water Works has sufficient capacity and source water to meet these peak demands, but on heavy volume days, peak water alerts could help promote wise water usage. Des Moines Water Works would develop a web page on the DMWW website that cities could link to. The program does not address a major drought situation beyond a couple of weeks each summer. There was also discussion about a media release for the metro-wide area and whether individual cities would need to make a mandatory vs. voluntary conservation plan. Also the concept of odd/even watering where addresses ending in odd numbers could water on odd numbered days and even ending addresses could water on even numbered days was covered. Knowing when a peak alert situation could occur, which should be predictable within a day or two of reaching the 95 million gallon a day level, could be achieved. A 10 to 15 percent reduction is a target under a water alert program. Bart Weller asked about using bill stuffers

and newsletters along with the link to the web site. This program could be adopted on a voluntary basis and information would be rolled out on the website around the 1st of June.

3. General Discussion

The Urbandale tower will be on line in a couple of weeks. A group of communities from the west side will be meeting with Xenia Rural Water to explore future systems plans.

Des Moines Water Works reported the Saylorville Water Treatment Plant is on schedule.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Cirksena, seconded by Tom Strait. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Future Meetings -

July 24, 2007 - Norwalk

October 23, 2007 – West Des Moines