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CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION

**Clive City Hall
April 27, 2004 at 6:00 PM**

John McCune called the meeting of the Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission to order and welcomed all in attendance. All participants introduced themselves. Present were:

City of Altoona – Vern Willey (EX-O)

City of Ankeny – Jolee Belzung (EX-O), Tom Strait (Rep)

City of Bondurant – Al Ihde (Rep)

City of Carlisle – Pat Stump (Rep)

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

City of Panora – Sue Cosner (EX-O)

City of Pleasant Hill – Tom England (Rep)

City of Polk City – Mike Schulte (EX-O)

City of Waukee – John Gibson (EX-O)

City of Windor Heights – Louise Moon (Rep)

Des Moines Water Works – L.D. McMullen (EX-O), Connie Steffen (Staff), Larry James (Rep), Jenny Puffer (staff), Randy Beavers (Staff), Linda Kinman (Staff)

Polk County – Brent Bean, Jim Elza Jr. (EX-O)

SE Polk Rural Water – Dan Lundberg (Rep)

Urbandale Water Department – John McCune (Rep), Rich Foust (EX-O), Dale Acheson (EX-O), Jerry Nelson (Rep)

West Des Moines Water Works – Jim Wallace (Rep), Bill Garrett (EX-O)

Approval of January 27, 2004 Minutes – Motion by Scott Cirksena (Clive) to approve minutes, second by Pat Stump (Carlisle), motion carried.

Regional Planning Sub-team Report – Jenny Puffer reported the pilot testing has been completed. Bid documents are being developed, with bids sent out this summer. Two test wells have been setup on the DM River.

L.D. McMullen from DMWW reported property purchase of new treatment plant location should be completed by May 15th. DMWW has been working with DNR to clear any issues. Board is moving forward with Bonding to purchase land, membrane equipment, with a 2nd bond to finish plant.

Various water rates are being considered at this time, but nothing is definite yet.

Ratio billing method has not been accepted very well at time. Billing rate structure may stay as is today, or Ratio Billing.

Westside Infrastructure Sub-team Report – Bill Garrett reported on the status of water tower. Water main leading to DMWW is being installed, two rings on tank have been completed. Estimated date for placing tank in-service is July 1, 2005.

Public Policy Sub-team Report – Lousie Moon and Sue Cosner reported on various possible ideas on conveying water quality issues to legislators. (See Attached Report) This team will be looking for committee members before next meeting.

L.D. McMullen reported on a lead and copper problem in Washington D.C. There could be many new water lead and copper testing requirements in the next couple of years. Lead testing at schools could be implemented in the near future.

Future Meetings

July 27, 2004 – Waukee

October 26, 2004 – Botanical Center

January 25, 2005 – Ankeny

April 26, 2005 – Urbandale

Adjournment- Lousie Moon (Windsor Heights) motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, second by Bart Weller (Clive), motion carried

Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission

Public Policy Framework

Background

The *success* of an organization's public policy program is built on the 1) clear *identification* of issues impacting the organization, 2) the *willingness* of its members to *participate* in the process of making policy, and 3) the organization's collective professional *relationships* and its members' individual relationships.

Underlying all successful efforts in the making of public policy is the building and maintaining of relationships. BUT, our first task is to identify the issues that impact CIRDBC and the steps we feel need to be taken to address those issues. Some issues may be dealt with simply by strengthening existing relationships or building new ones; some may require the development of enabling legislation (legislation that currently does not exist), or amending current law and some may, in addition to legislative efforts, require administrative rulemaking.

Looking back at this year's state legislative session and the last few years of relationship building (at both the state (S) and federal (F) levels) several issues emerge, they are - -

- Funding for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Water Quality Programs - S
- Watershed Planning / Source Protection - S & F
- Operator Education / Certification - S
- Shared Services Delivery - S
- Federal Policy Monitoring - F

The Public Policy Committee recommends the use of the following outline to identify the public policy issues around which CIRDBC will develop future official "positions."

Specific Issue: *The What*

Key Relationships Surrounding Issue: *The Who*

- ✓ Steps to creating new relationship(s)
- ✓ Steps to strengthening existing relationships
- ✓ Steps to identifying win/win policy scenarios

Legislation (if needed): *Enabling or Mandating Policy*

Administrative Rulemaking (if needed): *The How*