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Meeting
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION
Clive
Tuesday, April 28, 2009
6:00 p.m.

1. Chair Items - Commission Chair Scott Cirksena called the meeting of the Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission to order at 6:10 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Present were:

City of Altoona – Michelle Sloan (Rep)

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

City of Bondurant – None

City of Carlisle – None

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

City of Cumming – Jim Gifford (Rep)

City of Johnston – Shane Kinsey (Staff)

City of Mitchellville - None

City of New Virginia - None

City of Norwalk – None

City of Panora - None

City of Pleasant Hill – Mike Daspit (Rep)

City of Polk City - None

City of St. Charles - None

City of Waukee – Donald Bailey (Rep), John Gibson (EX-O)

City of Windsor Heights – Louise Moon (Rep)

Des Moines Water Works – Robert Riley (Rep), Randy Beavers (EX-O), Gary Benjamin (Alt. EX-O), Amy Kahler (Staff), Linda Kinman (Staff), Jenny Puffer (Staff)

Indianola Municipal Utilities – None

Polk County – E.J. Giovannetti (Rep)

Urbandale Water Utility – Jerry Nelson (Rep), Rich Foust (EX-O)

Warren Water District – None

West Des Moines Water Works – Karen Novak Swalwell (Rep), Jim Wallace (Alt-Rep), Jerry Stevens (EX-O)

Xenia Rural Water – None

Motion was made by Robert Riley, seconded by Tom Strait, to approve minutes of the January 27, 2009, Regular Meeting. Upon vote, motion carried.

2. Long Range Plan – Water Resources Update - Jenny Puffer provided a summary of Des Moines Water Works' Long Range Water Resources Plan. Based on community growth, she stated trending data suggests demand in 2020 is expected to be about 130 MGD. DMWW is allowed by the DNR to withdraw 120 MGD and the remaining 10 MGD is projected to be sourced from ASR wells. Ms. Puffer outlined several long-term water sources that will be analyzed further:

- Lowhead dam on Raccoon River
- Expanded use of ASR technology
- Sand/gravel operations
- Conservation programs

Ms. Puffer indicated raising the level of Saylorville Reservoir is cost prohibitive, as recreational facilities would need to be relocated. This alternative will likely not be pursued as a water resource.

3. Saylorville Water Treatment Plan Update – Gary Benjamin provided an update on the Saylorville Water Treatment Plant. To date, three contracts have been let. Of those three contracts, one contract has been accepted and the remaining two contracts have punch-list items to complete. Design for the last contract (HVAC and electrical systems) is nearing completion and bids will be solicited in April or May. Originally scheduled for completion in Fall 2008, Mr. Benjamin reported the construction of the plant has been delayed on several occasions and these delays have largely contributed to an overall variance from the project budget. When costs of the project were originally estimated in 2003, the total project cost was estimated to be \$32.5M. Out of this \$32.5M budget, approximately \$5.7M remains for the last contract. The engineer's estimate for this last contract is \$12.75M, and if bids come in around the estimate, the total overage for the entire project would be approximately \$8.1M. DMWW is structuring the final bid request to include alternatives that may reduce project costs, such as reducing or eliminating generators and using fiberglass piping in lieu of stainless steel. It was discussed that if the project exceeds estimates, the additional amount would be funded by existing purchased capacity funds, although that is not preferable as it would reduce funding available for other core network projects. Bids for the fourth contract will be presented to the Board of Trustees in June. The plant is expected to be completed by July 2010.

4. 2009 Key Initiatives – Des Moines Water Works – The Chair requested a report on **Watershed Planning** and **Public Policy/Legislative Initiatives**. Linda Kinman reported that an intern will be starting at DMWW in May to begin watershed planning research. The intern will review existing watershed data and will offer recommendations on creating a comprehensive watershed plan. Ms. Kinman also reported that she and Chris Jones, DMWW Laboratory Supervisor, have been attending Neighborhood Association meetings to discuss and encourage participation in snapshot monitoring. Linda provided details about an upcoming snapshot monitoring opportunity on May 6. **Public Policy/Legislative Initiatives** – Ms. Kinman reported that for the third straight year, no legislation was passed that increased operating permit fees for water systems, and federal and state stimulus funds may be available for qualified water projects. Ms. Kinman also reported the outcome of the legislation related to manure on snow-covered or frozen ground. She clarified the legislation reduces the

effectiveness of the DNR's rulemaking process and it restricts only liquid manure from being spread from December through April of any year, except in the case of emergency. Cattle and poultry confinements are unlikely to be affected by the legislation, which has created some doubt as to the legislation's effectiveness in protecting the quality of Iowa's source water.

5. PILOT (DMWW/City of Des Moines) - Randy Beavers updated the Commission on the formula to be used for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) payment to the City of Des Moines. The amount and formula has not been finalized. However, with information currently known, the PILOT payment is expected to increase from \$234,000 to \$627,000, an increase of approximately \$400,000. Such an increase would be largely offset by increased billing and collecting fees paid to DMWW from the City, resulting in a net increase of approximately \$78,000. Mr. Beavers reported WRA pays \$1M in PILOT, DM International Airport pays \$.5M (capped by their Board), and Mercy and Methodist Hospitals each pay \$350,000. There does not appear to be consistency in how each entity's PILOT amount is determined. Scott Cirksena emphasized the PILOT is a voluntary payment and that he appreciated the transparent process in which CIRDWC had an opportunity for involvement and input.

6. DMWW Strategic Plan Update – Randy Beavers provided an update on DMWW's process for developing a strategic plan. Mr. Beavers outlined the utility's approach, which included trend analysis, customer and employee focus groups, SWOT analysis, identifying possible scenarios, creating a mission statement, values and key result areas, drafting action plans and finalizing and communicating the strategic plan. The strategic plan will be finalized in July and will be presented to the Commission at the July meeting. Mr. Beavers noted DMWW involved several stakeholders throughout the process, including CIRDWC. Rich Foust represented CIRDWC, and Mr. Beavers expressed appreciation for his involvement and input.

7. General Discussion – Randy Beavers reported that Preston Daniels has resigned from the DMWW Board of Trustees.

Bart Weller expressed appreciation for DMWW's timely communications related to taste and odor complaints.

Robert Riley recognized Linda Kinman for her work with the Iowa Legislature during the 2009 Legislative Session.

8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:34 p.m.