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Special Meeting
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION
Des Moines Water Works Board Room
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
6:00 p.m.

1. Chair Items

Commission Chairman Scott Cirksena called the meeting of the Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission to order at 6:13 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Present were:

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

City of Ankeny – Jolene Belzung (EX-O)

City of Bondurant – None

City of Carlisle – None

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

City of Cumming – None

City of Johnston – Brian Wilson (Ex-O), Shane Kinsey (Staff)

City of Mitchellville - None

City of New Virginia - None

City of Norwalk – Dean Yordi (EX-O)

City of Panora - None

City of Pleasant Hill – None

City of Polk City - None

City of St. Charles - None

City of Waukee – Don Bailey (Rep)

City of Windsor Heights – Louise Moon (Rep)

Des Moines Water Works – Robert Riley (Rep), Dave Carlson (Alt. Rep), Randy Beavers (EX-O), Gary Benjamin (Alt-EX-O), Amy Kahler (Staff), Chris Jones (Staff), Linda Kinman (Staff), Lu Feldman (Staff)

Indianola Municipal Utilities - None

Polk County – None

Urbandale Water Utility – John McCune (Rep)

Warren Water District – None

West Des Moines Water Works – Jim Wallace (Rep)

Xenia Rural Water – Tom Pierce (Rep), Dorman Otte (Alt-EX-O)

It was determined that a quorum was not present at the meeting.

2. Pharmaceuticals in Drinking Water – Dr. Chris Jones joined the meeting to give the PowerPoint presentation he had previously shown to participants of the American Water Works' Customer Service seminar and the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities short course. He discussed findings from the Associated Press survey released in March 2008 showing concentrations of various target compounds detected in the water samples collected from water utilities around the country - 88 located in the East, 43 Central and 195 Pacific. He identified Atrazine as the most commonly detected compound. He also referenced the American Water Works Research Foundation study conducted to determine concentrations in drinking water, stating that all compounds detected were at extremely low levels. Chris reported that testing of both source water and finished water had been conducted at DMWW for three years and continues, reporting the various compounds being found in the utility's source water. He stated the urban and rural influences make this watershed a very good subject, stating 15 compounds were detected in DMWW's source water, and only one detected in the final testing. He provided statistics indicating the concentrations that would be required to cause a significant risk to human health, stating however that a combination of compounds could potentially cause effects to human health. He discussed the serious impacts to aquatic life being evidenced to the point of threatening the future of some species. Chris spent a few minutes stressing the importance of appropriately communicating water quality information to our customers.

3. Watershed Planning – Clarification of the three proposed watershed planning process steps was provided by Linda Kinman. Amy Kahler highlighted the discussion of the topic at the November 12 Metro Group meeting stating the concern was expressed by those attending that meeting that the process would require a considerable commitment of time and resources and the suggestion was proposed for a jointly-funded full time position. Linda stated that an intern had been secured to assist DMWW in this effort. Scott stated this was a big undertaking with a worthwhile goal and suggested taking the first step of the process (information/data gathering) after which there would be an assessment of the process, and a determination made to recommit, look at other alternatives, consider grant funding available, etc. The group appeared in consensus with Scott's recommendation, recognizing CIRDWC's role in driving water quality issues.

4. General Discussion – Scott announced that all current officers had agreed to continue serving in their positions for the next year and the election would occur at the January 27th meeting. No further discussion occurred.

5. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 7:12 p.m.