



CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION

**Des Moines Water Works
Operations Training Center (OTC)
2201 George Flagg Pkwy
Tuesday, January 22, 2008 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 6:10 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. All attendees introduced themselves. Present were:

City Of Altoona –Michelle Sloan (Rep), Vern Willey (EX-O)

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

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

Des Moines Water Works – Randy Beavers, (EX-O), Amy Kahler (Staff), Linda Kinman (Staff)

City of Johnston – Shane Kinsey (Staff)

City of Norwalk – Eric Delker (Rep), Dean Yordi (EX-O)

City of Pleasant Hill – Tom England (Rep)

Polk County – E. J. Giovannetti (Rep)

Urbandale Water Utility – Dale Acheson (Alt-EX-O)

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

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

City of Windsor Heights – Louise Moon (Rep)

Xenia Rural Water – Dorman Otte (Alt-EX-O)

Also attending were David Carlson, DMWW Board Member and Merrill Stanley, City of Des Moines Deputy City Manager.

Approval of October 24, 2007 Minutes

Motion was made by Scott Cirksena to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting, seconded by Don Bailey. Motion carried.

2. Legislative Update

Linda Kinman provided a legislative update and outlined bills of interest. Four legislative areas were discussed:

1. The Water Quality Taskforce is recommending 6 solutions to improve water quality
2. Legislation is being drafted to reinstate the requirement of a state water plan. The State has not developed a State Water Plan since 1979, last updated in 1985.

3. Utility associations are working together on legislation to fund watershed improvement and protection projects, replacement of aging drinking and waste water infrastructure, and eliminating operating and water use permit fees. Two funding sources that have been identified include sales tax on drinking water, and sales tax on bottled water.
4. A draft of proposed legislation for Open Meetings and Records Law makes several recommendations, including creating a new agency, the Iowa Public Information Board.

Linda also reviewed proposed regulatory changes. DNR is proposing to substantially increase permit fees from \$25 every 10 years to several thousand dollars every year, and increases to operating and stormwater permit fees are also being proposed. These increases would go to the general fund.

3. 2008 Officers' Report

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Louise Moon, John McCune, Rich Foust and L.D. McMullen nominated Scott Cirksena for Chair and Don Bailey for Vice Chair. A motion was made by Louise Moon, seconded by Jim Wallace. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee is seeking interest for the Secretary position. Amy Kahler will serve in that capacity on an interim basis until the position is filled by a Commission member.

4. Brainstorm of 2008 Issues

Scott Cirksena led discussion on 2008 Commission priorities and ideas were storyboarded. Ideas included:

- Review mission statement and bylaws to refamiliarize members to the Commission's mission and/or make changes to the mission statement
- Participate in long range planning, especially in the areas of water resources, core network distribution, and treatment, areas which will be addressed by DMWW in 2008
- With input from Ex-Officios, evaluate need for increased Saylorville storage
- Review legislative and regulatory priorities, and consider responding to relevant legislation (i.e., water quality) as a unified water community
- Implement worksessions between meetings to allow for more productive discussions, and/or redeploy subcommittee structure that previously existed

5. Joint Project Updates

Saylorville Water Treatment Plant

All of the laterals to the radial collector wells have been installed and the raw water pumps are on order. The raw water pipeline between the wells and the treatment plant has been installed. The finished water feeder main is now in-service. The pre-engineered metal building is currently being erected on the treatment plant site. A majority of the wall panels are in place, and the contractor is finishing installing the roof panels. The clearwell has been completed and will be hydraulically tested in the spring.

Gopal Krishna has been put in charge of the last contract, which includes equipment installation and start-up, as a majority of the work in that contract will be related to electrical and controls. Gopal expects to be ready to go out for bid with the last contract in April of this year. It is anticipated the plant will be placed into service in phases and will be on line by end of 2008 or spring 2009.

Joint Eastside Projects

The Shared East Elevated Water Storage Tank will be a shared facility between DMWW and the cities of Altoona and Pleasant Hill. DMWW requested permission at their January 22, 2008 Board Meeting to solicit bids for this project. Contract documents will allow bidders to submit bids for a 2.5-million-gallon elevated water storage tank and/or a 2.0-million-gallon elevated water storage tank. In addition, bidders will have the option of submitting a bid for a composite tank consisting of a reinforced concrete pedestal and steel tank and/or an all-steel tank consisting of a fluted steel pillar and steel tank. The estimate for this project is \$4,200,000. Bids will be opened in March 2008.

The Joint Eastside Feeder Main Phase 1 project was constructed and put in service last year. Phase 2 of this project went out to bid in December and was awarded at the January 22, 2008 Board meeting. This project includes a meter pit for the city of Altoona and will likely start in the spring and be completed fall 2008 or spring 2009.

The last phase of the feeder main project has been under design for the last couple months. This project will likely go out to bid in the spring or summer of 2008 and construction will be completed in fall 2009. A separate booster station will also need to be constructed. Design of this booster station will start soon and the booster station will be in service in the fall of 2009.

6. General Discussion

There was a question about how DMWW's SE Polk Rural service area is going. Randy Beavers reported that it expanded DMWW's service area significantly, but is working well operationally.

Scott Cirksena indicated he would schedule a worksession before the next meeting to examine the mission statement and bylaws.

Next Commission meeting will be hosted by the City of Clive on Tuesday, April 22nd, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by E.J. Giovannetti, seconded by Louise Moon. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.