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**Meeting**  
**CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION**  
**Des Moines Water Works**  
**Tuesday, January 22, 2013**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**1. Chair Items** - Commission Chair John McCune called the meeting of the Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Present were:

City of Altoona – Karen Oppelt (Alt-EX-O)

City of Ankeny – Jolee Belzung, (EX-O), Jim McKenna (Rep)

City of Bondurant – None

City of Carlisle – None

City of Clive – Bart Weller (EX-O)

City of Cumming – None

City of Johnston – Brian Wilson (Alt-EX-O)

City of Mitchellville – None

City of New Virginia – None

City of Norwalk – Tim Hoskins (Rep)

City of Pleasant Hill – None

City of Polk City – Mike Schulte (Rep)

City of St. Charles – None

City of Waukee – Casey Harvey (Rep)

City of Windsor Heights – Louise Moon (Rep)

Des Moines Water Works – David Carlson (Rep), Gary Benjamin (Alt. EX-O), Bill Stowe (EX-O), Amy Kahler (Staff), Linda Kinman (Staff), Pat Ripley (Staff)

Indianola Municipal Utilities – None

Polk County – E.J. Giovannetti (Rep)

Urbandale Water Utility – John McCune (Rep)

Warren Water District – Randy Beavers (EX-O)

West Des Moines Water Works – Karen Novak Swalwell (Rep), Jim Wallace (Alt Rep)

Xenia Rural Water District – Dawn Engman (Rep), Dan Lovett (Alt Rep)

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Louise Moon, seconded by Jim McKenna, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2012, meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried.

**Financial Statements** – Amy Kahler reviewed the 2013 fiscal year cash flow worksheet, noting that we're on track with revenue, and under budget with expenses. The ending balance for the second quarter is \$10,922.98. Membership dues have been received from all entities. A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Karen Novak Swalwell and seconded by E.J. Giovannetti. Upon vote, the motion carried.

**And Now for the Weather** – Jeff Zogg, Senior Hydrologist with the National Weather Service ([www.weather.gov/dmx](http://www.weather.gov/dmx)) presented information regarding the drought and outlook. The following rankings pertain to the 2012 Iowa drought:

- Worst drought since 1988
- 19<sup>th</sup> driest year on record out of 140 years of climate records
- Third warmest year on record

Mr. Zogg explained it would not take as severe of a drought this year to be as bad as last year. Based upon seasonal and annual analogs of precipitation and temperature since 1960, the outlook is not good for the Des Moines basin this year. The analogs show that for Iowa's 10 hottest and driest summers, all of them were followed by below average precipitation in the subsequent spring season.

**Watershed Management Authority Update** – Linda Kinman reported that Dallas, Carroll and Guthrie Counties have signed the 28E Watershed Management Authority Agreement.

**Legislative Forecast** – Linda Kinman reviewed the Iowa Legislative and Federal priorities for next year. The nutrient reduction strategy will be a controversial topic. Weekly legislative updates will be distributed to CIRDWC members. Linda mentioned that she is on the State's drought coordinating committee which is mainly intended to share information. The State's water plan has not been updated since the 1980s.

**Election of 2013 Officers** – The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2013:

Chair – John McCune, Urbandale Water Utility  
Vice Chair – Dave Lindeman, City of Johnston  
Secretary/Treasurer – Jim McKenna, City of Ankeny

Chair John McCune asked for nominations from the floor, receiving none. Louise Moon made a motion to approve the aforementioned slate of officers, seconded by E.J. Giovannetti. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**General Discussion** –

- An update was given regarding Des Moines Water Works' request for the release of additional water from Saylorville Reservoir on January 16, 2013. Mr. Stowe explained the exercise was intended to test the process if additional water supply options are needed in the future. DMWW invested \$2.4 million 30 years ago for access to water supply at Saylorville Reservoir, and has never exercised it. Mr. Stowe commented that the Army Corps of Engineers and Iowa Department of Natural Resources were very cooperative, and a slight rise in the Des Moines River occurred as a result of the 6-hour 30 cubic feet per second release which amounted to approximately 5 million gallons.
- Discussion occurred concerning educating the public regarding conservation measures if the drought continues. Concerns were expressed that residential customers seemed to get onboard last summer but commercial customers didn't. Those in attendance agreed that resources such as draft press releases, which could be used by all communities, should be prepared now and distributed in the spring. The need to be consistent in all communities was emphasized.

- Mr. McCune reported the Urbandale Water Utility has purchased land as a potential source of water and the location of a potential water treatment facility.

At 7:15 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Louise Moon and seconded by Karen Oppelt.