



## **CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION**

**Ankeny Public Service Building  
220 W First Street  
Ankeny, Iowa  
Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 6:00 PM**

### **1. Chair Items -**

Jim Wallace called the meeting of the Central Iowa Drinking Water Commission to order at 6:22 PM and welcomed all in attendance. All participants introduced themselves. Present were:

City of Altoona – Karen Nachtman (Alt EX-O), Vern Willey (EX-O)

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

City of Carlisle – Pat Stump (Rep)

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

City of Waukee – Don Bailey (Rep)

City of Windsor Heights – Louise Moon (Rep)

Des Moines Water Works – Randy Beavers (Alt EX-O), Dave Carlson (Board Member), L.D. McMullen (EX-O), Linda Kinman (Staff)

Polk County – E. J. Giovannetti (Rep), James D. Elza Jr. (EX-O)

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

West Des Moines Water Works – Jim Wallace (Rep)

### **Approval of October 18, 2005 Minutes –**

Motion made by John McCune, second by Scott Cirksena to approve minutes, motion carried.

### **Update Membership Date –**

Chairman Jim Wallace asked those present to update the list of members.

## **2. Election of 2006 Officers –**

Motion was made by Bart Weller and seconded by Jolee Belzung to appoint Jim Wallace as Chairman and Don Bailey as Secretary for the year 2006. Motion carried.

## **3. Southeast Polk Sale to Des Moines Water Works -**

LD McMullen reported that he, Jim Elza, E.J. Giovannetti and Tom Strait had been working for over a year on this project.

- There are a couple of agreements left.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> is the closing date to take over ownership of the Southeast Polk System.
- The Board will have one more meeting.
- This will be positive for Polk County.
- 50% reduction in water rates which should be maintained for quite some time.
- There will also be an agreement to assume operations for the Runnells water and wastewater. The timing should be the same as the Southeast Polk agreement.

## **4. ASR & Saylorville Water Treatment Plant Status -**

Randy Beavers gave a report which included:

### A. ASR:

- New well ready for test mode
- 3 million per day capacity
- Plans to put a second one in
- Working on putting a second well in
- Working on a bid package to present later this year
- Could be up to 10 in the metro area
- Everyone is invited to come out and see the project
- LD reported a media event will occur once it is operating

### B. Treatment Plant:

- Things are moving along, a contract is out for 2 collector wells
- 13, 000 ft of pipeline
- Feeder main is out for bid which will travel due east of 26<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Will be able to supply Ankeny and areas south
- Bid in February
- Design is 80% complete and continues for membrane
- May- June 2007 completion
- Continuing communication with Corps of Engineers, staff turnover with the Corps has delayed this but still should be completed within planned timeline

## **5. Water Security Desktop Exercise -**

Bart Weller gave a report that included:

- There was a meeting two weeks ago to start the process of working on the large scale desktop of disaster
- Goal is to get a smaller incident to work on
- Working with Des Moines, will have a major exercise to work, one that would affect all of the area

Randy Beavers who is on the team added that those who are planning it will step aside to allow the others to come cold to the exercise, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

## **6. Utility Related Legislative Issues -**

Linda Kinman gave a report that included:

- Newsletter will be coming out weekly
- Water quality standards will be the big issue
- Eminent domain
- Bill from the IMU League of Cities which would protect from having to upgrade immediately to build protection
- Bids levels to change to the same as roads from 35,000 to 100,000 as proposals and over 100,000 to the public bid letting process with public hearing requirements, currently in draft form
- Also a few IPERS bills and minimum wages
- Also there was a discussion of Polk County Snapshot data, drinking water is safe, data is from streams to show levels of nitrates, E Coli, and phosphorous
- Next snapshot event is May 24, 2006

## **7. Discussion of Focus of 2006 -**

L D McMullen led a discussion of ideas for focusing on in 2006 which included:

### **A. Stage 2 disinfection by-product rules**

- EPA 3 years ago put together a task force that wrote a new rule that was released last year
- Currently there is quarterly sampling that can be averaged together 80/60 rule
- It has been changed so that each sample site has to stand alone, treatment plant, halfway down and end of distribution site
- Large systems may have a sampling plan by July
- Start sampling in October
- Talking to the DNR to develop a group report and submit a chapter for each community, general information included in the report would apply to all of the system
- Keep track of time and cost and everyone would pay their apportioned share based on gallons and population
- DMWW has done a rough template of the sampling plan
- Disinfection by-products rule
  - Letter was sent out that set training in April
  - Formation of a sub-team with EX-O members of the commission

Motion was made by Louise Moon and seconded by John McCune that, "The commission supports the concept of forming a sub-committee to explore a group report for the stage 2 disinfection by-product rules". Motion carried.

### **B. Regional Water System vs. current Des Moines Water Works**

- Currently 50% of water sold is outside of Des Moines and 50% is sold inside Des Moines

- Some in the business community feel it is time to look at going to a Regional Water System
- WRA is an example
- May be way for Des Moines to raise revenue and recoup some costs
- Maybe something the group should study, discussion continued to the next meeting

**Open discussion -**

Vern Willey reported Pleasant Hill and Altoona with Des Moines Water Works are exploring the possibility of a joint water tower. Also with energy prices continuing to increase geothermal system issues will continue to come up.

**Adjournment -**

Chairman Jim Wallace asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Tom Strait to adjourn and seconded by Scott Cirksena. Motion Carried. Chairman Jim Wallace adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

**Future Meetings -**

April 25, 2006 – Altoona

July 25, 2006 – Clive

October 24, 2006 – Des Moines Water Works