

(Prepared by/Return to: Amy Kahler, Des Moines Water Works, 2201 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines, IA 50321, 515-283-8760)

Meeting
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION
Executive Committee
Des Moines Water Works Planning Conference Room
January 6, 2014
2:00 p.m.

Present: E.J. Giovannetti, Amy Kahler, John McCune, Jim McKenna, Bart Weller

Update on Regional Governance Feedback from Members

Amy Kahler provided the Executive Committee with comments and feedback received from members on the regional governance feasibility study scope document. Such feedback included:

- Mike Daspit, Pleasant Hill, indicated scope document seems complete and he is supportive of proceeding.
- Inquiry from Jolee Belzung from City of Ankeny on whether a separate 28E would be necessary. Mr. Rick Malm's position is that a separate 28E is not necessary, as the current 28E allows for procurement of services and allows for charges for services outside the regular costs of operation.
- Letter from West Des Moines Water Works questioning what assets would be considered for evaluation on regional production and suggestion that a separate document be distributed with RFP/RFQ that further explains the required minimum qualifications of respondents and the decision matrix that will be used to evaluate proposals. Additionally, suggested major stakeholders evaluate proposals along with the Executive Committee to promote transparency in decision making process.
- Letter from Mayor Dierenfeld in Johnston expressing interest in a "bottom up" approach to discussions to obtain buy in for the study and commitment of resources from stakeholders. Amy Kahler indicated she attended a Johnston City Council worksession on December 2 and gave a brief overview of the regional governance discussions. Mayor and Council members indicated they would forward comments and questions to David Lindeman.
- Mr. L.D. McMullen from Xenia Rural Water District stated that, for systems with their own treatment facilities, using those systems' entire customer base (number of accounts) seems inequitable and asked that consideration be given to include only the proportion of accounts that is served by DMWW.

Related to Mr. McMullen's comments, Amy Kahler reviewed an alternative allocation that would decrease costs for systems that own their own treatment facilities (i.e., West Des Moines Water Works, Altoona and Xenia Rural Water District) and thereby increase costs to other participants. The basis for the revised calculation for those three entities with their own treatment facilities was based on those systems' purchased capacity as a percentage of each system's 2013 peak consumption. It was determined the revised allocation would need to be presented to and approved by CIRDWC members.

Prepare for January 13 CIRDWC Worksession

The Executive Committee discussed the agenda and approach for the worksession to be held 1/13/14. Mr. Giovannetti indicated members should be encouraged to articulate concerns, questions, and whether there was a need for support from the Executive Committee in communicating with councils and boards. He also suggested that a pro forma resolution be drafted to assist members in facilitating approval for participation through councils and boards. Ms. Kahler indicated she would draft a sample resolution.

Open

Ms. Kahler indicated the Executive Committee had been invited to speak at the City Manager's Luncheon to be held on January 15, 2014 at Des Moines Water Works. The Executive Committee determined John McCune would lead that discussion on regional governance to provide city managers with background and an update on the importance of participation in the study.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.