



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

**West Des Moines City Hall Council Chambers  
4200 Mills Civic Pkwy  
Tuesday, October 23, 2007 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 6:20pm 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 – Amy Kahler (Staff)

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

Polk County – E. J. Giovannetti (Rep), Brent Bean (EX-O)

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

City of Waukee – Don Bailey (Rep)

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

City of Windsor Heights – Louise Moon (Rep)

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

### **Approval of October 24, 2007 Minutes**

Motion was made by Scott Cirksena to approve the minutes, seconded by Brent Bean. Motion carried.

### **2. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2008 Officers**

Nominations to appoint Louise Moon, John McCune, Rich Foust, Jerry Stevens and L.D. McMullen to serve as the Nominating Committee for 2008 Officers was made by Tom Strait and seconded by E.J. Giovannetti. Motion carried.

### **3. Determine Meeting Locations for 2008**

Motion to set meetings and dates for 2008 was made by Dorman Otte, seconded by Scott Cirksena. Motion carried. Dates and locations are:

Des Moines Water Works	January 22
Clive	April 22
Waukee	July 22
Urbandale	October 21

#### 4. General Discussion

Amy Kahler gave a report from Jenny Puffer updating the commission on SWTP.

Construction of the two well caissons is complete and the laterals are nearly all installed. Pump testing is underway at well site #2 this week, allowing proper sizing of the well pump, which should be delivered in early 2008. The raw water pipeline between the wells and the treatment plant has finished being installed. The finished water feeder main has passed pressure testing and chlorination and is ready to be put in-service. Construction continues on the clearwell roof, which should be finished in late November. Erection of the pre-engineered metal building has started in October and should be completed in December. The plans and specifications for the last contract are being completed, and that contract will be out for bid by the end of the year. The last contract will include equipment installation and start-up.

It is still anticipated the plant will be placed into service in phases, and will be on line by end of 2008.

Scott Cirksena asked about the 2006 Cost of Service Study. Amy Kahler reported increases in 2006 of 12% operating costs, 6% capital costs averaging about 10%. In addition, recent Cost of Service studies suggest Des Moines Water Works has been under recovering costs in years prior to 2006. The DMWW Board will be acting on a proposal next Thursday evening for increases of 6% in wholesale rates, increasing purchased capacity from \$.83 per thousand gallons to \$.88 per thousand gallons. Under this recommendation, the with storage rate will change from of \$2.00 to \$2.12 and purchase capacity of .83. to .88. This rate increase would be reflected on April bills.

Scott Cirksena asked how the public would be informed and Amy Kahler reported this would be through media releases and correspondence with CIRDBC.

There was some general discussion about the underlying philosophies and methods of the Cost of Service Study.

Vern Willey reported a 2.5 million gallon tower would be bid out after the first of the year. This is a joint project between Altoona, Pleasant Hill and Des Moines Water Works.

Chair Jim Wallace initiated discussion about monthly or annual rental charges for cell phone antennas on towers. Discussion included methods for determining fair charges to recoup staff time, construction costs, maintenance costs and annual increases. Bill Garrett reported West Des Moines Water Works has used a service at ([www.steelintheair.com](http://www.steelintheair.com)) which charges \$800 to give a report on one tower.

Jolee Belzung updated the commission on the bids received for Ankeny's ASR wells and indicated the new well will increase Ankeny's ASR storage from 1 MGD to 3 MGD.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 pm at Des Moines Water Works Board Room, 2201 George Flagg Pkwy, Des Moines.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Cirksena, seconded by Don Bailey. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35.