Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission Minutes

Des Moines Water Works  
Board Room  
2201 George Flagg Parkway  
Des Moines, IA  
Tuesday, October 24, 2006  
6:00 p.m.

1. Chair Items  
Jim Wallace called the meeting of the Central Iowa Drinking Water Commission to order at 6:09 PM and welcomed all in attendance. All attendees introduced themselves. Present were:

City of Altoona – Karen Oppelt (Alt EX-O)  
City of Ankeny – Jolee Belzung (EX-O), Tom Strait (Rep)  
City of Clive – Bart Weller (EX-O)  
Des Moines Water Works – L.D. McMullen (EX-O), Jenny Puffer (Staff), Amy Kahler (Staff), Dave Carlson (Board Member), Bob Riley (Board Member), Lawrence James (Board Member), Ted Corrigan (Staff), Randy Beavers (Alt-EX-O)  
Polk County – Brent Bean (Alt EX-O)  
Urbandale Water Utility – Rich Foust (EX-O), Dale Acheson (Alt-EX-O)  
City of Waukee – Don Bailey (Rep)  
West Des Moines Water Works – Jim Wallace (Rep), Jerry Stevens (EX-O)  
City of Windsor Heights – Louise Moon (Rep)

Approval of July 2006 Minutes  
Motion made by Louise Moon to approve minutes, seconded by Tom Strait. Motion Carried.

2. Legal Requirements for Publishing CIRDWC Agenda and Minutes  
A general discussion regarding the publishing and minutes legal requirements concluded with posting of the minutes on the DMWW website as a draft prior to approval by the commission and posting of the agenda at the DMWW facility.

3. Leak Detection  
Ted Corrigan led the group through a general discussion about unaccounted for water and leak detection. A level below 10% is considered excellent. Included in a handout was information about the AWWA’s Water Wiser
free software worksheet to help each utility to determine if more focus and resources are needed to address water loss (water purchased vs. water sold).

5. **Water System Regionalization Models**
   There was a general discussion that concluded with everything is ok with the current operational structures in place.

6. **Appoint Nominating Committee for 2007 Officers**
   The 2007 Nominating Committee will include, L.D. McMullen, Jerry Stevens, Rich Foust, Jim Wallace, John McCune and Louise Moon

7. **Determine Meeting Locations for 2007**
   The meeting dates and locations for next year are:
   - January 23, 2007, Waukee
   - April 24, 2007, Urbandale
   - July 24, 2007, Norwalk
   - October 23, 2007, West Des Moines

8. **General Discussion**
   Bart Weller briefed everyone about the recent emergency table top exercise – learned a lot and everyone was pleased this was done.

   L.D. McMullen reported rate increases were approved by the DMWW Board today.

   Jenny Puffer reported concrete was being poured at the new plant.

   Also it was generally agreed to have staff look into possible peak use voluntary compliance guideline recommendations for the commission to consider.

   **Adjournment:**
   Motion to adjourn was made by Larry James and seconded by Tom Strait. Motion carried. Chairman Jim Wallace adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

   **Future Meeting:**
   January 23, 2007- Waukee Public Library

   **CIRDWC Mission Statement**
   To improve Central Iowa through coordinated planning and cooperation in an effort to promote the wise use of resources with the goal of providing efficient, effective infrastructure and operations to deliver adequate, safe, and affordable drinking water to the region.