

**DES MOINES WATER WORKS PARK FOUNDATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Friday, February 10 - DMWW 12:00 - 1:30**  
**Minutes**



**Pre-Meeting:** New Member Orientation took place for DMWWPF's three new board members Jon Koehn, Matt Van Loon and Amy Jennings. Each were briefed on DMWWPF policies, procedures, committees and operations and provided a DMWWPF Board Manual.

**Board Members In Attendance:** Kate Byus, Jed Gammell, Amy Jennings, Jon Koehn, Matt Van Loon, Chad Rasmussen, Katie Gillette, Proctor Lureman, Randy Reichardt, Marc Wallace, Dave Carlson, Dylan Huey, Ryan Hanser, Hannah Inman, Ryan Flynn.

**Guests/Staff:** Bill Stowe, DMWW and Sam Carrell, DMWWPF

**I. Call to Order & BOD Development Part I: Bill Stowe, DMWW**

- Inman called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and welcomed DMWW CEO Bill Stowe. Inman asked Stowe to share thoughts on how the recent Iowa Supreme Court decision would impact DMWW's current legal action. Stowe explained that the ruling was around "certified questions" regarding damages and the Supreme Court ruled one public entity cannot gain damages from another public entity. However, the ruling would not prevent the Federal lawsuit from continuing and hopefully determine if the discharge pipes from rural drainage districts should come under the Clean Water Act and be permitted in the same way a company's discharge would have to be permitted. The Federal Hearing is set for June 28th. Stowe shared his concerns on agriculture's impact on source waters, particularly the agri-toxins like blue green algae, which is a huge issue that impacts us all. He indicated 99% of E. coli traced back to livestock, pointing out that Iowa's hog population exceeded 29 million. However, he pointed out that other mid-western agri business focused states neighboring Iowa have been successful in protecting their water sources legislatively, and hoped if we were not able to achieve it that way, the importance the Judicial Branch of government played in protecting our water sources. Wallace & Carlson shared their perspectives as a DMWW Board members as well.

**II. Welcome/Affirm Agenda**

- Inman welcomed Jon Koehn to his first board meeting. Koehn shared his background and enthusiasm for the park project, both personally and professionally.

**III. Approve previous minutes**

- Minutes were amended to reflect Katie Gillette's absence from the January board meeting. Moved: Rasmussen                      Second: Flynn                      APPROVED

#### **IV. President's Report**

- Inman stated how happy she was to welcome our 2017 class of new board members and looked forward to their involvement and talents. She shared she had had several conversations with the Iowa Heritage Foundation and DMWW regarding the possibility of conducting a demonstrative restoration project that would fit in nicely with our efforts to designate the Wild and enhance the different ecosystems within the park, including adding native trees and plantings. She relayed the importance of an Indiana Bat study that if identified in the park, along with the restoration process, could bring mitigation dollars to support our work. She said the restoration project could include language that would not impede DMWW to operate normally in the restoration areas.

#### **V. BOD Development Part II – Campaign Update**

- Byus reported that the Campaign Executive Committee would be wrapping up the majority of their focus on major asks by the end of March. Some grants and corporate asks would continue to take place as their granting processes dictated. She thanked Carrell for keeping everything moving forward. Carrell acknowledged the efforts by the Board and volunteers continue to be the key in their success.

#### **VI. Goal Progress/Committees/Budgets**

- Each committee chair present walked through their proposed expense budget lines explaining how they fit their individual committee goals for 2017. Carrell filled in for Schabel and explained the Governance items. Flynn and Carrell will take pledges and project the revenue for a final budget to be approved at the March Board meeting.
  - i.    ii. Development – Kate Byus
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  - iii.   Marketing/Communication – Ryan Hanser
  - iv.   User Groups - Dylan Huey/Jed Gammell
  - v.   Governance
  - vi.   Wild Designation
    - Inman explained Voss is leading the efforts on designating “The Wild” and gave the board an update on several meetings that had taken place with DMWW, DMWWPF board members and several interested groups and individuals, including her report about the possible restoration program she discussed in the President's report.
  - vii.   Finance/Treasurers Report – Ryan Flynn

**VII. Old Business**

- No old business to report

**VIII. New Business**

- No additional new business to report

**IX. Announcements**

- Randy Reichardt announced the resignation of Board Member Ben McLean. Ben's duties and travel schedule as CEO of Ruan Transportation and new Chair of the Iowa Business Council had made it difficult for him to attend meetings regularly. He has expressed he will continue to work and support DMWWPF's efforts and remains passionate about the park and project.

**X. Adjourn**

- The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events

DMWWPF March Board Meeting: Friday, March 10 - 12:00–1:30 pm - DMWW