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Meeting
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION
Executive Committee
Des Moines Water Works
July 17, 2017
3:30 p.m.

Present: Jim McKenna, John McCune, E.J. Giovannetti, David Lindeman, Dale Acheson, Ted Corrigan, Amy Kahler.

Regionalization Update

John McCune reported that board chairs and utility managers for Urbandale Water Utility, West Des Moines Water Works, and Des Moines Water Works have met, and the respective utility managers have met several times in the past four months, to discuss how regional governance could be implemented. These three independent utilities were the subject of the proposed legislation last session, and have primary production facilities in the Des Moines metro. A set of Core Principles has been proposed which begins to address governance, ownership of assets, rates, and exclusivity. Mr. McCune indicated discussions have been good and there is opportunity for agreement among the utilities. This group will be meeting later this week with the mayors of their respective communities, with the objective of that meeting to affirm the utilities and cities agree on the tentative approach to regional governance. Mr. McCune reported the intent is that other communities will be pulled into active discussions once there is agreement by the production utilities on the fundamental core principles. He invited input or questions at any time in the coming months. Mr. McCune also indicated the group is looking at other models, including DART, and the potential of adding a facilitator at some point in the process.

Meeting Agenda for July 25, 2017

The meeting agenda for the July 25th meeting was finalized.

Determine Speak for October 2017 Meeting

Amy Kahler indicated there was interest expressed earlier that CIRDFWC invite metro legislators to the October session so CIRDFWC could share progress of regionalization efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.