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**Meeting**  
**CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION**  
**West Des Moines City Hall, Council Chambers**  
**Tuesday, July 22, 2014**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Chair Items** – Commission Chair John McCune called the meeting of the Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. and recognized a quorum of Representatives in attendance.  
Present were:

City of Altoona – Michelle Sloan (Rep), Karen Oppelt (Alt. Ex-O)

City of Ankeny – Jim McKenna (Rep), Paul Moritz (Ex-O), Kerry Walter-Ashby (Alt Rep)

City of Bondurant – None

City of Carlisle – None

City of Clive – Susan Judkins (Rep), Bart Weller (Ex-O)

City of Cumming – None

City of Johnston – David Lindeman (Rep), Shane Kinsey (EX-O)

City of Mitchellville – None

City of New Virginia – None

City of Norwalk – Tim Hoskins (Rep)

City of Pleasant Hill – Mike Daspit (Rep)

City of Polk City – None

City of St. Charles – None

City of Waukee – Casey Harvey (Rep)

City of Windsor Heights – None

Des Moines Water Works – David Carlson (Alt Rep), Bill Stowe (Ex-O), Amy Kahler (Staff), Linda Kinman (Staff), Pat Bernard (Staff)

Indianola Municipal Utilities – Todd Kielkopf (Staff)

Polk County – E.J. Giovannetti (Rep)

Urbandale Water Utility – John McCune (Rep), Dale Acheson (Ex-O)

Warren Water District – Merrill Heemstra (Rep), Randy Beavers (Ex-O)

West Des Moines Water Works – Karen Novak Swalwell (Rep), Jim Wallace (Alt Rep), Diana Wilson (Ex-O)

Xenia Rural Water District – Dan Lovett (Rep), Gary Benjamin (Ex-O)

Also present was a guest, Scott Sanders, of the City of Des Moines.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by David Lindeman, seconded by Jim McKenna, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2014, and May 14, 2014, meetings as well as the Executive Committee meetings on April 18, 2014, April 28, 2014, and July 2, 2014. Upon vote, the motion carried.

**Financial Statements** – Amy Kahler reviewed the fourth quarter financials for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The ending balance includes contributions for the regional feasibility study that have been received from approximately half of the communities. It was requested that fees from each entity be submitted by July 31. Membership dues received totaled \$1,812.86. Accounting-related expenses were nominal.

**Introduction of Black and Veatch and Feasibility Study Update** – Dan Lovett, CIRDWC Project Manager for the feasibility study project, reported that Black and Veatch reps have conducted stakeholder meetings with 15 entities to date. Clive's meeting has yet to be conducted. The City of Cumming has decided not to participate in a stakeholder meeting. Black and Veatch reps, Mike Borchers and Peggy Howe spoke of the stakeholder meetings conducted over the past several weeks, and the need to conduct a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis. Potential dates for a one-day SWOT session are September 8-12 or 15-19. Additionally, a venue that will accommodate 40 people plus 3 breakout rooms will be needed. An electronic meeting tool will be utilized to find the date that will work for the majority of representatives. The importance of two participants – someone from the policy side and someone from the technical side – from every entity participating in the SWOT analysis was emphasized. If reps are not available, substitutes should be identified. It was mentioned that there will be password-protected website where communities can upload files. It is anticipated that a draft report will be presented to CIRDWC members near the end of 2014 or mid-January 2015, with the final report being completed by the end of January 2015.

**Legislative/Regulatory Update** – Linda Kinman highlighted Executive Order 80 (EO80). All State rulemaking has to go through the EO80 process prior to beginning the formal rulemaking process. Current proposed rules, going through the EO80 process, pertain to (1) Changing NPDES rules by adopting language from the federal EPA and requiring operational monitoring. (2) Defining levels that can be utilized before restrictions can be put on the Jordan aquifer and performing annual onsite inspections. (3) There is much controversy surrounding the topsoil rule which proposes if a contractor moves the topsoil from an area being developed, four inches needs to be put back upon completion of the project. On a federal perspective, Waters of the United States has been in the news lately; comments are due in October. A couple years ago when the anti-degradation rule passed, a lawsuit was filed by several business and agricultural groups against the Environmental Protection Commission. The suit claimed that two commissioners voting to pass the anti-degradation rules were ineligible to vote. One Commissioner was claimed to have benefited financially by the decision and the second Commissioner was not an Iowa resident when the vote occurred. Last week the Iowa Supreme Court ruled that both commissioners were eligible to vote and the rulemaking was not turned over.

**Executive Committee Reports** – Reference was made to the four sets of minutes from past Executive Committee meetings, most of which dealt with the RFQ, development of the selection process, and scope of the project. John McCune stated it is anticipated that additional meetings will be scheduled prior to the next quarterly meeting.

**General Discussion** –

- Louise Moon has resigned as she will be moving from Windsor Heights.
- A written update from the National Weather Service was provided regarding current conditions, outlook and other notes. The forecast leans towards cooler temperatures. A brief operational report from Des Moines Water Works was provided by Amy Kahler. Demand had been lower than normal but yesterday it increased by 11 mgd to 73 mgd. The Raccoon River shows nitrate concentrations over the safe drinking limit of 10 mg/L, so DMWW has been pulling water from the Des Moines River and gallery in order to remain under 10 mg/L.

**Adjournment** – A motion for adjournment was made by Karen Novak Swalwell and seconded by Casey Harvey.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.