

CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL WATER UTILITY MEETING

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

7:30 a.m.

Urbandale City Hall

3600 86th St, Urbandale, IA 50322

Present:

City of Ankeny – Mayor Gary Lorenz

City of Des Moines –

City of Johnston –

City of Urbandale – Mayor Bob Andeweg

City of Waukee –

City of West Des Moines – Mayor Steve Gaer

Des Moines Water Works – Graham Gillette, Board Member; Bill Stowe, staff

Urbandale Water Works – John McCune, Board Chair

West Des Moines Water Works – Karen Novak, Board Chair; Diana Wilson, staff

Also in attendance: Jason Mumm, FCS Group; and several members of the public.

1. Welcome – At 7:30 a.m., Mayor Gaer welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Updates to the Schedule – Ms. Novak provided an update to upcoming workshops and meetings:

TYPE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Workshop #2	Monday, October 23	4:00-6:00 pm	Des Moines Water Works
Meeting	Wednesday, October 25	7:30 am	Urbandale City Hall
Workshop #3	Thursday, October 26	4:00-6:00 pm	Des Moines Water Works
Meeting	Wednesday, November 15	7:30 am	Urbandale City Hall
Meeting	Wednesday, November 29	7:30 am	Urbandale City Hall
Meeting	Wednesday, December 13	7:30 am	Urbandale City Hall

Additional workshops will be scheduled in November. Mr. Mumm will also schedule individual meetings with the mayors.

3. Updates from Workshop #1 – Mr. Mumm provided a summary from the first workshop. Topics included *Obligation of Service* and *Right to Serve*. Workshop position papers are posted to the utility websites. A record has been made with areas with consensus; disagreement; new issues saved to the “parking lot.”

Consensus has been achieved in the following areas for *Obligation of Service*:

- The regional entity will meet member demands on request.
- For the purposes of providing members’ drinking water demands, will provide the following services:
 1. Source water withdraws, and storage
 2. Treatment

3. Transmission, pumping and storage of treated water

- Water will be provided at the following levels of services:
 1. At maximum-day demand
 2. Agreed upon pressures
 3. Without denial of service to members
 4. Proportional curtailments if/when necessary
 5. At adequate and reasonable costs

Obligation of Service follow-up items:

- Meeting state and federal regulatory requirements – need more clarity on the authority of the regional board and relationship with the current permit holders

Consensus has been achieved in the following areas for *Right to Serve*:

- Within the current and future boundaries of its members
- Existing members with production facilities can continue to operate them within their own distribution systems
 1. May rehabilitate facilities to maintain existing capacity levels
 2. May not expand facilities to create additional capacity
- Members will not: contract for or acquire water production from any other entity.

Right to Serve follow-up items:

- Other “members will not” provision
- Demand management/conservation goals regionally and locally
- How to accommodate new members

Mr. Mumm noted future workshops will be held the week of October 23. Topics include:

Workshop #2:

- *Capitalization of regional entity and 28E/28F*
- *Accounting for Regional Water Production Costs*

Workshop #3:

- *Operational Authority of Regional Entity*
- *Planning and Speculation Authority of Regional Entity*

4. Process Update – Mr. Mumm will report on workshop progress at each Wednesday morning meeting.

Discussion – Mayor Gaer would like clarification on “Who decides the price of my water?” Wholesale water rate will be more economical as a regional entity. Mayor Lorenz noted it was also discussed at the workshop that existing production facilities (i.e. Altoona and West Des Moines) may have future requests to the new regional entity to not produce as much as they are currently. Mayor Gaer discussed questions regarding the participation process and price if not joining the entity at the beginning. Mr. Stowe noted Des Moines Water Works serves two water districts – Xenia and Warren. The obligation to serve is different for political subdivision and water districts. Mayor Gaer noted membership would apply to municipal geographical boundaries, including future annexation. Mayor Gaer noted discussions with City of Grimes who needs to be informed in order to make a decision about participation in the regional entity.

5. Public Comments – No comments from the public.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.