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**Meeting**  
**CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION**  
**Clive Aquatic Center Special Events Room**  
**1801 NW 114th St.**  
**October 25, 2016**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Chair Items** – Commission Chair, David Lindeman, called the meeting of the Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission to order at 6:05 p.m., and recognized a quorum of Representatives in attendance. Present were:

City of Altoona – Vern Willey (Rep), Karen Oppelt (Ex-O)

City of Ankeny – Jim McKenna (Rep), Paul Moritz (Ex-O)

City of Bondurant – None

City of Carlisle – None

City of Clive – Susan Judkins (Rep), Jeff May (Ex-O)

City of Cumming – None

City of Johnston – David Lindeman (Rep), Jim Sanders (Alt. Rep.), Shane Kinsey (Ex-O)

City of Mitchellville – None

City of New Virginia – None

City of Norwalk – None

City of Pleasant Hill – Len Murray (Rep), Madeline Sturms (Alt. Rep)

City of Polk City – Mike Schulte (Ex-O)

City of St. Charles – None

City of Waukee – John Gibson (Ex-O)

City of Windsor Heights – None

Des Moines Water Works – Dave Carlson (Alt. Rep.), Amy Kahler (Staff), Laura Sarcone (Staff)

Indianola Municipal Utilities – None

Polk County – None

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

Warren Water District – Stan Ripperger (Ex-O)

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

Xenia Rural Water District – None

Also present was Don Peterson from Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and Craig Cox, Environmental Working Group.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Vern Willey, seconded by Karen Novak Swalwell for the minutes of the following meetings: CIRDWC July 26, 2016; Technical Advisory Committee September 22, 2016; Technical Advisory Committee October 20, 2016. Motion passed.

**Financial Statements** – Ending balance for first quarter 2016-2017 is \$62,605.95. Membership dues are due. Past due membership will be moved to non-voting status if dues not paid. Motion was made by Jim McKenna and seconded Len Murray to approve the first quarter 2016-2017 financial statements. Motion passed.

**Fooling Ourselves: Voluntary Programs Fail to Clean Up Dirty Water** – Craig Cox, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources for the Environmental Working Group (EWG), shared the results of an investigation of voluntary conservation practices in eight key Iowa watersheds, along with basic standards of care. Craig also mentioned the EWG is also updating its tap water database that has not been updated since 2008. DMWW will send link and access provided by AWWA to review utility data before EWG publishes in February. The Commission members had a discussion on voluntary conservation, funding and industrial farming.

**Technical Advisory Subcommittee Update** –

- A. DMWW Long Range Plan: Amy Kahler provided an update on the progress of the Long Range Plan. The final draft is still on schedule for January 2017. In addition, Technical Advisory Subcommittee reviewed recent DMWW capital expenditures. That data was provided to all CIRDWC in the materials.
- B. Urbandale Water Treatment Plant Update: Dale Acheson reported that Urbandale Water Utility is still in discussion with DMWW.
- C. WDMWW/Waukee Source Water Availability Study Update: Diana Wilson reported that the engineering consulting firm is working on phase one of study, including locating test well sites.

**2017 DMWW Rates** – Amy Kahler presented Des Moines Water Works' 2017 water rates, which were approved by the Board of Trustees at their October 24 meeting. The public hearing for DMWW's 2017 budget is scheduled for November 22.

**Executive Committee Report** – David Lindeman noted that the Executive Committee continues work on a new website for CIRDWC. Amy Kahler reviewed draft design of [www.cirdwc.com](http://www.cirdwc.com). The website will be presented to CIRDWC at the next quarterly meeting.

2017 Meeting Schedule – The following entities volunteered to host the 2017 meetings:

January 24	Johnston
April 25	Ankeny
July 25	Urbandale Water Utility
October 24	West Des Moines Water Works

**Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2017 Officers** – Jim McKenna, David Lindeman, Karen Novak-Swallwell, and Vern Willey volunteered for the Nominating Committee for 2017 Officers. The 2017 officers will be elected at the January meeting.

**General Discussion** – The next CIRDWC meeting is January 24, 2017, at Johnston Public Library.

Susan Judkins hosted IOWATER training at her home with Mary Skopec from Iowa Department of Natural Resources. She would like to follow-up with DMWW on a strip test taken from her home's faucet.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:06 p.m.