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**Meeting**  
**CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**  
**Urbandale Public Library**  
**3520 86th St.**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Chair Items** – Commission Chair, Jim McKenna, 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 (Alt. Ex-O),

City of Ankeny – Jim McKenna (Rep.), Don Clark (Ex-O)

City of Bondurant – None

City of Carlisle – None

City of Clive – Scott Cirksena (Rep.)

City of Cumming – None

City of Johnston – Brian Wilson (Alt. Ex-O)

City of Mitchellville – None

City of New Virginia – None

City of Norwalk – None.

City of Pleasant Hill – Len Murray (Rep.)

City of Polk City – None

City of St. Charles – None

City of Waukee – None

City of Windsor Heights – None

Des Moines Water Works – Sue Huppert (Rep.), Bill Stowe (Staff), Ted Corrigan (Staff), Amy Kahler (Staff), Laura Sarcone (Staff), Jennifer Terry (Staff), Nathan Casey (Staff), Craig Robinson (Staff)

Indianola Municipal Utilities – None

Polk County – E.J. Giovannetti (Rep.)

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

Warren Water District – Merrill Heemstra (Rep.)

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

Xenia Rural Water District – None

Also present were Tim Whipple, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities; Mark Duben, HDR; Don Peterson, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Merrill Heemstra, seconded by John McCune for approval of the minutes of the following meetings: CIRDWC April 25, 2017; Executive Committee July 17, 2017; Technical Advisory Committee April 27, 2017; Technical Advisory Committee June 22, 2017. Motion passed.

**Financial Statements** – Vern Willey noted the ending balance for fourth quarter 2016-2017 is \$62,974.40. Amy Kahler noted notices for 2017-2018 dues will be sent out this week. A motion was made by John McCune and seconded by Vern Willey approve the third quarter 2016-2017 financial statements. Motion passed.

**Watershed Financing** – Tim Whipple, General Counsel for the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities presented opportunities for positively impacting water quality in Iowa through a watershed financing approach.

**Technical Advisory Subcommittee Update** – Ted Corrigan provided an update on Technical Advisory Subcommittee activities and the status of Des Moines Water Works' Long Range Plan. The next Technical Advisory Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for August 9. Mark Duben from HDR reviewed the process and status of the Long Range Plan. The plan is staged in five year increments, through 2040. Throughout the plan, there are base improvements needed for treatment, pumping, storage and transmission, including: rehabilitation of Fleur Drive Treatment Plant; expansion of Saylorville Water Treatment Plant to 20 million gallons day (MGD); expansion of LD McMullen Treatment Plant to 37.5 MDG; additional Aquifer Storage and Recovery wells. Beyond the base improvements, there are three alternatives to meet the water needs: 1) expansion of Fleur Drive Treatment Plant to 100 MGD; 2) expansion of Saylorville Water Treatment Plant to 45 MGD; 3) A fourth water treatment plant built for 25 MGD. For core network, affecting all entities, capital improvement options range from \$367,930,000 for Fleur Drive expansion, \$427,300 for expansion of Saylorville, and \$477,390,000 for a fourth treatment plant. After comments, Des Moines Water Works Board will receive and file the Long Range Plan, and staff will use the plan as a roadmap; however, work will be completed based on demand.

**Citizen Water Academy** – Jennifer Terry introduced a new Citizen Water Academy being offered this fall. More information can be found at [www.citizenwateracademy.com](http://www.citizenwateracademy.com)

**Executive Committee Report** – Sue Huppert provided an update on regionalization and governance discussions. The General Managers, Board Chairs of Des Moines Water Works, Urbandale Water Works and West Des Moines Water Works, along with the mayors of those communities, recently met to discuss proposed guiding principles. That group will now expand to include the mayors of the Cities of Ankeny, Johnston and Waukee. It was recommended to bring together city managers, via Des Moines City Manager, to learn the status and the process so far. Next steps will be seeking a facilitator(s) to guide discussions, as well as funding for facilitation, including outside entities, for example, CIRDWC, Des Moines Partnership, and Community Foundation. Jim McKenna said that CIRDWC would be willing to review a request for assisting in the funding of a facilitator. Mayor Cirksena said that it seems like CIRDWC would be a natural fit to assist.

**General Discussion** – The next CIRDWC meeting is October 24, 2017, at West Des Moines Water Works.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:33 p.m.