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Meeting
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION
Urbandale Public Library, 3520 86th St, Urbandale, IA
Tuesday, April 26, 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 6:07 p.m., and recognized a quorum of Representatives in attendance. Present were:

City of Altoona –Karen Oppelt (Ex-O), Jim Utter (Alt 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)

City of Cumming – None

City of Johnston – David Lindeman (Rep), Shane Kinsey (Staff)

City of Mitchellville – None

City of New Virginia – None

City of Norwalk – Tim Hoskins (Rep)

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 – Ted Corrigan (Alt Ex-O), Amy Kahler (Staff), Jennifer Terry (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), Stan Ripperger (Ex-O)

West Des Moines Water Works – Karen Novak Swalwell (Rep)

Xenia Rural Water District – None

Also present was Don Peterson from Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by John McCune, seconded by Susan Judkins, to approve the minutes of the following meetings: CIRDWC October 27, 2015; CIRDWC Executive Committee January 6, 2016; Technical Advisory Committee November 12, 2015; Technical Advisory Committee December 10, 2015; Technical Advisory Committee January 21, 2016; CIRDWC January 26, 2016; CIRDWC Executive Committee April 6, 2016; Technical Advisory Committee February 18, 2016; Technical Advisory Committee March 17, 2016. Motion passed.

Financial Statements – Ending balance for third quarter 2016 is \$60,004.84. Amy Kahler reported that member dues of \$3,453.74 were received in the 3rd quarter, with only a couple communities dues still in the approval process and yet to be remitted. Ms. Kahler indicated the fund balance of \$60k represents excess member special contributions related to the regionalization study, and more specifically, project management costs were significantly less than anticipated. Karen Novak-Swalwell motioned, seconded by John McCune, to approve the 4Q 2014-2015; 2Q 2015-2016; 3Q 2015-2016 Financial Statements. Motion passed.

Water Quality: What is the State Legislature Doing to Improve Water Quality in Iowa? – Senator Charles Schneider updated members on several water quality proposals made during the recent legislative session to improve water quality in Iowa. Senator Schneider stated he believes the session will end without action on a water quality bill; however, he believes the groundwork has been laid for the next session. Schneider summarized three significant proposals in 2016:

1. Governor Branstad's SAVE proposal which extended the school's infrastructure funding another 20 years and would divert incremental revenue increases to fund watery quality initiatives.
2. Divert existing sources of revenue, including RIIF (Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund) and the current sales tax on metered water, to water quality initiatives
3. Fund the Natural Resources and outdoor Recreation Trust/Iowa's Water & Land Legacy (IWLL) and fund water quality with the first 3/8th of a one cent sales tax increase, as 63% of Iowans supported when the amendment was passed in 2010.

Upon a question from Karen Novak-Swalwell, Schneider indicated he had not heard of discussion related to funding water quality initiatives through a fertilizer tax, but was open to exploring the idea. He also indicated his understanding in talking with others, was that it would be impossible to reduce nitrate concentrations by 45% as outlined in the Nutrient Reduction Strategy, because too much nitrate exists naturally. Amy Kahler asked what background information he had on the recently proposed House bill extending governance of DMWW to suburbs and county supervisors. Schneider replied he did not expect that proposal to pass, and he believed it was proposed as a statement in opposition of DMWW's legal action against three county boards of supervisors who oversee drainage districts in Sac, Calhoun, and Buena Vista counties. E.J. Giovannetti indicated that such a proposal would damage any regionalization discussions that have already taken place among CIRDWC members, and asked that the senator not support such a proposal.

Susan Judkins stated she believes there needs to be a better process in managing watersheds and water quality initiatives, and the funding will follow. She also indicated she had been told DMWW received a \$50 million grant to develop infrastructure in order to be a regional utility, and questioned the impact that should have on the regionalization discussion and calculations. Amy Kahler stated she was unaware of such a grant and would research and follow up.

Representative Chris Hagenow had a scheduling conflict and was not able to attend.

Election of 2016 Officers – John McCune of the nominating committee presented the recommendation for Chair David Lindeman, Vice Chair Jim McKenna and Secretary/Treasurer Karen Novak-Swalwell to continue their positions in 2016. Chair David Lindeman asked for nominations from the floor, receiving none. Len Murray made a motion to approve the aforementioned slate of officers, seconded by Tim Hoskins. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Technical Advisory Subcommittee Update – Ted Corrigan reported the Technical Advisory committee continues to meet monthly (no meeting in April), with recent discussions focused on the long range plan. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on February 17, 2016 to engineering consulting firms for utility long range planning through 2040. This plan will update DMWW's existing long-range plan, which ends in 2020. Data gathered in previous meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee indicates additional water production and distribution infrastructure may be needed, and the long range plan will identify the

required improvements and an engineering estimate for those improvements to source water, treatment and distribution facilities. Two responses to the RFP were received: 1) HDR with CH2M Hill and 2) Black & Veatch with HR Green. The Board of Water Works Trustees approved a contract with HDR/CH2M Hill in the amount of \$359,900 at the March 22, 2016 DMWW Board of Trustees board meeting. A draft report from the selected consultant will be due to Des Moines Water Works by December 1, 2016, and the consultant will present their recommendations to the Technical Advisory Committee in December 2016 or January 2017. The final report is expected to be issued in February 2017.

CIRDWC 2016-2017 Budget – Karen Novak- Swalwell presented the CIRDWC 2016-2017 Budget. The budget includes customary and typical membership dues, and no special contributions. The budget allows for \$50,000 in consultant fees related to further regionalization analysis, although the timing of such a study is unknown. These fees would be covered by the existing fund balance. Jim McKenna provided a motion, seconded by John McCune, to approve the CIRDWC 2016-2017 Budget

Executive Committee Report – Dave Lindeman gave a summary update on the luncheon sponsored by the Iowa Partnership for Clean Water discussing regionalization. He indicated many in attendance at the luncheon were not aware of the regionalization discussions CIRDWC has already had, nor do they appear to be aware of CIRDWC activities in general. Lindeman suggested developing a stronger web presence to better communicate to the public. It was suggested that CIRDWC consider developing its own website rather than be incorporated in DMWW's website. Amy Kahler will research the cost and process of development.

E.J. Giovannetti suggested a CIRDWC Speakers Bureau be formed, where members could attend city council meetings, or community clubs, to talk about CIRDWC and the work being done by the members. Amy Kahler will draft a template PowerPoint presentation that could be used.

General Discussion – The next CIRDWC meeting is July 26, hosted by West Des Moines Water Works.

Adjournment – Motion made by Merrill Heemstra and seconded by Len Murray to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.