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Meeting
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION
Executive Committee
Des Moines Water Works
April 19, 2017
3:30 p.m.

Present: Jim McKenna, Karen Novak-Swalwell, Vern Willey, John McCune, E.J. Giovannetti, Jim Utter, Dale Acheson, Diana Wilson, Amy Kahler.

Gretchen Tegeler, Taxpayer's Association of Central Iowa

Regionalization Discussion

Amy Kahler provided a brief update that HF 484 could be attached to a spending bill as the legislative session draws to a close. The House bill and amendments are being closely monitored. It is anticipated the session will end Saturday, April 22, 2017.

There was group discussion on regionalization moving forward, assuming HF 484 does not pass. E.J. Giovannetti suggested members ask two questions: 1) Is regionalization important? 2) Do we want to regionalize? The group had general discussion on regionalization, CIRDDWC's role and the process that could be followed to ensure regionalization conversations are productive. It was suggested an objective, 3rd party facilitator lead regionalization efforts, and that a core group be formed to develop and vet initial concepts. It was emphasized that the process needs to be inclusive and transparent to all CIRDDWC members. It was suggested the Executive Committee meet regularly to ensure productive regionalization discussions occur before the next legislative session in January 2018.

Open

Diana Wilson provided an overview of a discussion she had with Senator Zumbach and Tim Whipple, IAMU lobbyist. Senator Zumbach and Mr. Whipple suggested CIRDDWC consider participation in watershed efforts in the Raccoon River watershed. They indicated there are watershed funding opportunities that could be viewed positively by rural legislators. It is not known what the scope of funding would be. Karen Novak-Swalwell suggested this be explored further.

The committee finalized the April 25 quarterly meeting agenda, noting the speaker had changed to Jeff Zogg, National Weather Service. It was also suggested Tim Whipple, IAMU lobbyist, be invited to speak at the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.