

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF WASTEWATER AGENCIES**  
**President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Illinois**  
**Friday, March 13, 2009**

**I.** Nick Menninga, Vice-President of Administration, called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

**II.** In lieu of roll call for attendance, a sign-up sheet was circulated.

**III.** The Minutes of the September 17, 2008 Business Meeting were approved as distributed.

**IV.** Association budget is in good shape. Financial Report was approved as distributed.

**V.** Technical Committee Meeting Dates

Wed. May 20, 2009 in conjunction w/Central State's Annual Mtg. Lincolnshire, IL

Fri., July 10, 2009

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Fri., November 13, 2009

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**VI.** Committee Reports:

**A.** Awards Committee – Monte Cherry

No report

**B.** By-Laws Committee – Steve Davis

Committee will be looking to see if there are any By-law changes in the near future since they need to go out to membership 30 days prior to our Annual Conference.

**C.** Membership – George Schillinger

The Association lost three Affiliate Members (CTE Engineers, Earth Tech and Joseph J. Henderson & Son), but gained four new Affiliate Members(Honeywell, PMA Financial Network, Burns & McDonnell and Rezek, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende). IAWA lost an Agency Member (City of Rochelle), but gained a new Agency Member (Village of Hanover Park).

**D.** Program & Site – Nick Menninga

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights, IL, September 15-18, 2009.

The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held at Eagle Ridge in Galena, IL, September 20, - 23, 2010.

**E.** Resolutions – Stan Browning

No report

**VII.** New Business

**VIII.** Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

**MINUTES**  
**Technical Committee Meeting**  
**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF WASTEWATER AGENCIES**  
**President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Illinois**  
**Friday, March 13, 2009**

- I. Jennifer Hindel, Vice-President of Technical, called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m.
- II. The Minutes of the January 9, 2009 Technical Meeting were approved as written.
- III. Sub Committee Reports

**A) Administration – Kim Lytle**

Urbana/Champaign S.D. has offered to provide anyone a copy of their draft for the Red Flag Rules. Contact Kim Lytle if you are interested. You can also see other drafts by checking out resolutions at these other sites:

- \* Illinois Municipal Utilities Association
- \* Illinois Municipal League
- \* IGFOA

**B) Legislative – Stan Browning & Steve Davis**

Kip Kolkmeier and the Legislative Panel gave a great presentation Thursday evening. Members are encouraged to contact their local legislators recommending that there be no changes regarding S.B. 1892 which amends the Sanitary District Act Of 1917 and will reduce Sanitary District Trustee compensations.

**C) Pretreatment – Joe Robinson**

No report

**D) Water Quality – Rick Manner**

Executive Committee approved committee to prepare a written proposal to hire Dr. David Soucek with the Illinois Natural History Survey, Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability at the University of Illinois for work on Nickel and Zinc Water Quality standards not to exceed more than \$4,100 on study.

**E) Collection Systems – Tom Meyer**

No report

**F) TMDL/Nutrients – Tim Bachman**

Committee has been busy since the January Technical Committee meeting. Committee prepared and submitted comments on USEPA's Proposed Additions to Illinois' 2008 303(d) list. Symbiont incorporated the data from the MWRDGC plants into the Carbon Footprint Study report. A confidential copy was sent to NACWA requesting their comments on the magnitude of the carbon footprint shown in this study and how it might fit into the national debate about the establishment of nutrient standards.

Some of the Executive Committee members and Subcommittee Chairs met with Marcia Willhite and other IEPA staff on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss a variety of issues that included the items above. At that time, IEPA, was still waiting to hear back from the USEPA review of the CFAR data along with the additional water quality data from IEPA and USGS. Marcia again is asking if IAWA would be willing to share any effluent N and P data that we have available. Many members at the Mini-Conference indicated a willingness to share data with IEPA. Committee will send out an e-mail to all members requesting voluntary submittal of data. Tim will contact Marcia to see what format she would like to have data and how far back.

After the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with IEPA, committee received a copy of the Data Analysis Report prepared by Tetra Tech for USPEA which uses a conditional probability approach toward the development of standards. IEPA has met or will meet shortly with USEPA to discuss this report. After that meeting, a meeting of the Nutrient Standard Workgroup will be scheduled by IEPA in the spring to discuss the impact of this report on the development of standards in Illinois. IAWA will need to take an active role in the workgroup. This approach is being questioned in other states and USEPA recently agreed to request a full Science Advisory Board peer review of this process. Committee will be monitoring what is happening on the national level with the conditional probability approach as it may impact our response to this strategy being used in IL.

**G) FPA – Dennis Duffield**

No state-wide activity.

CMAQ is clearly attempting to subvert legislation giving the hearing and recommending authority on wastewater review to the CMAQ Waste Water Committee, instead of what is already in place on FPA expansions that provides for public hearings and a full review. Larry Cox is putting a group together to create a white paper.

There are expected to be two more governmental appointees to the CMAQ Board, which brings the total to 15 members.

**H) Stream Use Classification Systems – Nick Menninga**

Advisory Institute issued a draft report on the 3-tier process that was e-mailed to Subcommittee members requesting comments by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Committee will meet to begin strategizing and report next steps at the May meeting. Another Stakeholder's meeting will be scheduled in the near future as well.

**I) Energy – Nick Menninga**

Working on getting a speaker for the September Annual Meeting to discuss Federal Programs for energy efficiency. Now is a good time to buy electricity and lock into contracts.

**J) NACWA**

No report

**K) Ad-Hoc Stimulus – Monte Cherry**

Committee met via conference call several times and hopes to have a revised copy of the application package on the website shortly. Stimulus funding projects will need to have a pre-application on file with IEPA and members are encouraged to make applications as complete as possible. Illinois will receive \$180 million for wastewater infrastructure projects. Funding is limited to 50% of project or \$10 million cap, whichever is less. The remainder of the project is eligible for funding through the regular loan program (while stimulus funds last the regular loan program rate will be 0%)

Equipment Procurement is being considered, but only after traditional funding is complete. Committee is looking to have Geoff Andres speak at our September Annual Meeting to update us on the status of the Stimulus package.

**IV. Old Business**

The next Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2009 in conjunction with Central State's Annual Conference in Lincolnshire, IL. Information and registration will be sent out in a few weeks.

**V. New Business**

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.