

MINUTES
Business Committee Meeting
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF WASTEWATER AGENCIES
Four Points Sheraton, Fairview Heights, Illinois
Wednesday, September 16, 2009

I. Nick Menninga, Vice President-Administrative, called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

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

III. The Minutes of the March 13, 2009 Business Meeting were approved as distributed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Financial Report

Nick Menninga reported the Association budget is in good shape.

Dues Status

Membership is up-to-date on their dues. Penny will be sending out dues invoices in the near future for 2009-2010.

Proposed Budget

The Proposed 2009-2010 Budget was presented and approved as written.

V. Approval of Officers

Brian Dorn announced the following nominations for the Executive Board:

Nick Menninga with the Downers Grove Sanitary District for President
Jennifer Hindel with the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District for Vice President-Administration
Bob Trueblood with Fox River Water Reclamation District for Vice President-Technical
Steve Davis with the Galesburg Sanitary District for Member-at-Large
Monte Cherry with the Decatur Sanitary District for Member-at-Large
Jerry Connolly with the Danville Sanitary District for Member-at-Large
Gary Gourley with the Westville/Belgium Sanitary District for Member-at-Large

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to elect the slate of officers as they had been nominated.

VI. Technical Committee Meeting Dates

Fri., November 13, 2009	Starved Rock SP	Utica, IL
Fri., January 8, 2010	Starved Rock SP	Utica, IL
Fri., May 14, 2010	Starved Rock SP	Utica, IL
Fri., July 9, 2010	Starved Rock SP	Utica, IL
Fri., Nov. 12, 2010	Starved Rock SP	Utica, IL

VII. Committee Reports:

A. Awards Committee – Monte Cherry

Monte reported that they were successful in choosing nominees for the IL Award, the Outstanding Member Award and the new Public Officials Award which will be announced at Thursday evening's Annual Banquet. This year there are 2 Public Officials who will be receiving an award.

B. By-Laws Committee – Steve Davis

No report

C. Membership – Monte Cherry

IAWA has gained two new Affiliate Members (Jacobs Engineering and Bernardin, Lochmueller & Assoc) since the March Mini Conference.

D. Program & Site – Nick Menninga

The 2010 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, IL, September 28 – October 1, 2010.

E. Resolutions – Stan Browning

Resolutions for Annual Meeting were announced.

VIII. New Business

2010 Mini Conference is scheduled for March 11-12, at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Hotel in Springfield, IL.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

MINUTES
Technical Committee Meeting
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Four Points Sheraton, Fairview Heights, Illinois
Wednesday, September 16, 2009

- I. Jennifer Hindel, Vice-President – Technical called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the July 10, 2009 meeting were approved as written.
- III. Subcommittee Reports
 - A) *Administration – Kim Lytle*

Revenue Survey

Executive Committee approved committee to circulate the full Revenue survey every other year instead of on a yearly basis. A short survey with user rates only will be collected in the alternate years. Membership agreed and was approved as well. Committee is looking into implementing both surveys (Revenue and Wage & Benefit) on survey monkey internet site. Will check on security issues and report back at the November Technical Committee meeting.

OSHA

OSHA regulations will apply to all public sectors as of January 1st.

VESSA

VESSA is applicable with employers of 15-49 employees requiring them to allow 8 weeks of unpaid leave. Employers with 50 or more are required to allow 12 weeks of unpaid leave.

Employee Drug Testing

Employers have to have actual person who conducted drug test testify in court in order to terminate or discipline an employee, documents showing results may not be enough.

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FMLA

FMLA written policy must contain all of the language on the posters displayed at the workplace.

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

Kip Kolkmeier is scheduled to speak during the Technical Session on Thursday and will submit a full report.

Randy Skender and Steve Davis met with Rep. Mautino concerning reversing fund sweeps with local government health plans.

- C) *Pretreatment – Joe Robinson*

Committee conducted a teleconference on September 8th to discuss various issues. Plan to meet on an annual basis.

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D) Water Quality – Rick Manner

No report

E) Collection Systems – Tom Meyer

No report

F.) TMDL/Nutrients– Tim Bachman

IAWA submitted written comments to the EPA Scientific Advisory Board (1400F) of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency strongly disagreeing with the empirical approaches in the draft guidance document. IAWA has reviewed the document, “Analysis of Illinois Stream and River Nutrient and Biological Data for the Nutrient Scientific Technical Exchange Support (N-Steps), October 2, 2008”, prepared by Tetra Tech for USEPA (“Tetra Tech Report”). None of the suggested candidate nutrient concentrations are scientifically defensible for two major reasons:

1. Distributional nutrient concentration data are not associated with designated use impairments and, therefore, their use in water quality standard development is inappropriate, and
2. Tetra Tech did not follow the recommended protocols established for utilizing conditional probability to develop candidate nutrient endpoints. Consequently all of their endpoints are speculative and based upon the unsupported assumption that the pollutant of concern caused the impact.

IAWA strongly believes that the costs associated with meeting nutrient standards developed this way are not scientifically defensible and would be an unnecessary burden to the citizens of Illinois who pay the user charges assessed by our member wastewater agencies. There must be a benefit to justify the cost.

G.) FPA – Dennis Duffield

No report.

H.) Stream Use Classification Systems – Nick Menninga

Chris Yoder will provide an update at tomorrow’s Technical sessions.

I.) Energy – Nick Menninga

The Illinois Department of Community and Economic Development is administering stimulus money to assist eligible state and local government entities in implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions. Applications are due in October 1, 2009.

J.) NACWA – Lou Kollias

No report

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K.) *Ad-Hoc Stimulus Committee – Monte Cherry*

Funding for capitol projects has a 15 year backlog for regular funding. Executive Committee will meet with IEPA to work with them on creating a means to get more projects through. Monte will set-up a conference call on suggestions and streamlining process.

IV. Old Business

No report

V. New Business

Blending Subcommittee

Members approved creation of Blending committee and Jennifer has volunteered to chair. IAWA submitted comments to NACWA regarding USEPA's July 2009 draft Utility Analysis document. The 2009 document builds on USEPA's 2005 draft Peak Flows Policy. Both of these documents strongly discourage the use of excess flow treatment. NACWA responded to our comments, and suggested we submit them to USEPA and IEPA. NACWA doesn't seem to be as willing as IAWA to fight this issue because some states don't enforce blending.

IAWA met with Al Keller and Amy Dragovich during the development of these comments to solicit their input.

Anyone interested in joining subcommittee, please contact Jennifer at Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District or Robin in the IAWA office.

IL Emergency Management Agency – Proposed Amendment

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency has proposed an amendment to the regulations further limit the amount of radium containing sludge that can be applied to agricultural land. These regulations were developed without participation by IEPA or the regulated community. The information provided by IEMA indicates that they did not rely on any studies or reports to draft this proposal. The IEMA also reported that this regulation "is not expected to require local governments to establish, expand or modify their activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues". This will impact many of our members and particularly Joliet. Joliet anticipates cost increase by a factor of 4 if this regulation results in a requirement that Joliet use landfill disposal in lieu of land application for sludge disposal.

IAWA Executive Committee filed a request for a public hearing to allow the general public and the regulated community to comment on this proposal. Request had to be filed by September 12th. Dennis Duffield and Roy Harsch will be contacting members in the near future.

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.