



Maine Waste Water Control Association

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 18, 2006

9:00 am

Great Wall Buffet, Augusta, ME

Present: Andy Rudzinski, David Anderson, Ryan Wadsworth, Vivian Matkivich, Howard Carter, Brian Kavanah, Andre Brousseau, Mac Richardson, Tom Wiley, Janet Abrahamson, Jeff Pinette, Al Jellison, Ron Letarte, Steve Sloan, Dan Bisson, Mike Grove, Mary Waring, Joan Kiszely, Margaret Langhill

Guests: Steve McLaughlin, Dennis Thayer, Jeff McBurnie, Dana Lee, Jamie Ecker

1. Call to Order: President Andy Rudzinski called the meeting to order at 9:15am.
2. Approval of Minutes-November 17, 2006: Mac Richardson made a motion to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of November 17, 2006, seconded by Al Jellison. All approved.
3. Treasurer's Report-Financial Reports October 2006: Dan Bisson reported that the financials through October 2006 are in order and recommends their approval. Mac Richardson made a motion to approve the October 2006 as presented, seconded by Vivian Matkivich. There was a discussion that there is a discrepancy between the ending balance for September 2006 and the beginning balance for October 2006. Margaret Langhill will communicate this to Sarah Ledoux to see that this gets corrected. There was general discussion on budget overages. All approved. Dan added that he is working with Margaret and Sarah to re-allocate the budget amounts into the newly revised categories in time for the 2007 fiscal year. Dan asked that each chair look at his/her budget on a monthly basis and notify him of any discrepancies monthly as it is more difficult to find and correct after a longer period of time has passed.
4. DEP Representative Report: Brian Kavanah introduced Steve McLaughlin from DEP who reported on rulemaking changes with regard to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and distributed a report of these changes. This was followed by a point-by-point discussion of the changes. Steve noted that he will be going to the board on January 18th to post the rule, and there would be a 30-day comment period, followed by a second review of the board at the end of March for approval with an estimated adoption of April 2007. Please review and send any comments to Steve Thayer ASAP to have them considered and/or incorporated.
5. Legislative-Dana Lee:
 - a. Legislative Breakfast Update: Dana Lee gave special thanks to Margaret Langhill and Joan Kiszely for their assistance with the preparations for the Legislative Breakfast in addition to all of the letters that they have assisted in preparing. Dana reviewed that the 2007 Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for February 13, 2007 at the Senator Inn in Augusta from 7:00-9:30am. General discussion on the format as well as key partners and guests who will be present in support of this event. It was noted the importance of the members of the Executive Committee being present at this event. Joan Kiszely will be contacting Executive Committee members looking for a time commitment for this event.
 - b. Position Paper, Strategy: Dana Lee reviewed the Key Legislative Initiatives document that has gone out as a talking points paper to fellow partners, Affiliate Group presidents and members of MWWCA. This was followed by general discussion.
 - c. Salary Survey: There was a discussion about the value of preparing this, and if the information that would be collected would be relevant. After a detailed discussion, there was

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consensus that the Executive Committee is not interested in pursuing this project at this time. If anyone wants a copy of a salary survey, have them contact Janet Abrahamson at MRWA.

6. NEWEA State Director's Report: Howard Carter thanked the Residuals Management Committee for their work on the NEWEA/NEBRA Conference. He added that the NEWEA Annual Conference is scheduled for January 20-23, 2007 and the focus will be alternative energy. Howard noted that at the Career Day in March, in Springfield, MA, the MWWCA DVD will be one of the features. Howard wrapped up his report by thanking the Executive Committee for the opportunity to serve as the NEWEA State Director. Howard will be the incoming MWWCA Convention Chair.
7. President's Report: Andy Rudzinski passed around the correspondence file and reviewed its contents.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Past President: Vivian Matkivich thanked the Executive Committee for allowing her to serve and that it has been a pleasure. She will be a member of the Government Affairs Committee for the coming year, but this will be her last meeting as a member of the Executive Committee.
 - b. Conference Committee: Tom Wiley reported that the projected profit of the 2006 Fall Convention will be approximately \$17,000, and there are just a few invoices currently outstanding.
 - c. Collections Systems: Steve Sloan reported that the last Collections Systems Committee meeting was cancelled and they are trying to meet for next week. There are currently 8 members of the Committee. They are working on the Charles Perry Award, and would like to have nominations sent in to the MMA office. Joan Kiszely noted that this would be fine. The Committee is also wanting to do a one-day conference for collections systems professionals separate to the MWWCA spring and fall conferences and they are formulating a plan for this.
 - d. Laboratory Committee: David Anderson reported that he met with the arsenic stakeholders group approximately two weeks ago. The meeting was called by Maine Pulp & Paper. This stakeholder group wants to set up a meeting with staff from the Governor's office, and it looks like this could happen in early January 2007. Questions have been raised about the speciation of arsenic. It is organic, but how do you measure it? They are going to ask that all permits be frozen for any that have arsenic criteria.
 - e. Personnel Advancement Committee: Janet Abrahamson reported that Greg Cataldo will be new chair for 2007. There was a general discussion to clarify the budget amount and the JETCC annual donation request.
 - f. JETCC: Dennis Thayer thanked the MWWCA Executive Committee for their support and contribution to the North Country Convention. He added that JETCC is now online with thanks to Steve Lane for his work to the website. Dennis added that JETCC sent out letters to the Governor asking for funding, and thanked the MWWCA for their support of this letter and request. Dennis noted that there will be an increase in training fees-\$95 for a full day training and \$50 for a half day training. He added that they are working with York County Community College to get some chemistry classes going. Dennis reported that the next certification exam is scheduled for May 16, 2007, and that the deadline for postmarked applications is March 26, 2007. March 1, 2007 is the license application deadline. The information should be coming in the mail.
 - g. Ops Challenge Coordinator Report: Andre Brousseau reported that there is still an open spot on the team for a 4th player and added that the team was invited to the NEWEA annual conference to be recognized.
 - h. Membership Committee: Chuck Applebee was absent and did not submit a written report.
 - i. Safety Committee: Al Jellison reported that Brad Moore sends his regards, and wants to thank everyone for nominating him for the NEWEA Operator of the Year Award.
 - j. Public Relations Committee: Ryan Wadsworth reported that the Clean Water Week letter and contest information was mailed out to the schools and that he and Steve Lane are working on getting more information about the contest onto the MWWCA website. Margaret Langhill to send Ryan Heidi Gage's contact information. There was a general discussion about how to go about creating a facility directory.
 - k. Government Affairs Committee: Mike Grove had nothing new to report, and noted that this would be his last meeting as the Government Affairs Committee Chair. Mike gave his heartfelt thanks to the entire Executive Committee and added that it has been an honor and a pleasure.
 - l. Pretreatment Committee: Ron Letarte reported that Mike Micucci will be his replacement as the Pretreatment Committee chair. Ron gave an overview of his qualifications. Ron added

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that he met yesterday with Jim Crowley with regard to the Chapter 528 revisions to make sure that the language is current.

- m. Awards Committee: Mary Waring had nothing new to report. General discussion about the founders' clocks. Brief note that J. Otis Sproul would like to come to the next meeting.
 - n. Communications Committee: Mac Richardson reminded everyone to send in items of interest for the NEWWN.
 - o. Residuals Management Committee: Jeff Pinette introduced Jeff McBurnie as the new chair of the Residuals Management Committee. The Committee met last Thursday and Carla Hopkins was in attendance. Jeff and Jeff led a discussion about the Brunswick Ordinance. It did pass, and noted that this is a ban on the use of class A composts on town owned fields. Jeff Pinette reviewed why the Residuals Management Committee would like the MWWCA to move forward as an aggrieved party to participate in challenging the legality of this ordinance. Mac Richardson made a motion that the MWWCA craft a statement that says that the portion of the ordinance that bans class A biosolids composts are both illegal and not in the interest of the people of Brunswick as per 1310u, seconded by Steve Sloan. After discussion, Mac Richards amended his motion to: A statement be crafted by the MWWCA that states that the Executive Committee of the MWWCA has concerns about the legality of the portion of the Brunswick ordinance that bans class A biosolids composts and feels that the ordinance is not in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Maine, seconded by Steve Sloan. All approved. Residuals Management Committee will craft and they will publish a news release in January 2007.
9. Old Business:
 - a. None
 10. New Business:
 - a. MMA Contract: Dave Anderson reviewed the MMA contract with the Executive Committee and noted that there is a 4.3% increase. Mac Richardson made a motion to accept the 2007 MMA Administrative Services Agreement as presented, seconded by Howard Carter. All approved.
 - b. Change of Administration: Andy Rudzinski passed the gavel to David Anderson and thanked everyone for their hard work and support during his Presidency.
 11. Adjourn: Al Jellison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:18pm, seconded by Mac Richardson. All approved.