

MISSOURI WATER and WASTEWATER CONFERENCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

14 March 2007

Chair Gene Thurman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Osage Beach, Mo. Present at the meeting were Tom Stechmann, Bernie Meyer, Chris Klusmeyer, Todd Baslee, Tena Hale-Rush, Jim Hopkins, Ken Hogan, Joe Townlain, Sandi Miller, Lea Edler, and Lori Cook.

Gene Thurman asked for a motion to waive the oral reading of the previous meeting minutes. Chris Klusmeyer made a motion to do so. The motion was seconded and approved by the board. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Chairman Thurman welcomed the Board members to the special meeting at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. He reminded the Board that the purpose of the meeting at Osage Beach was to tour the Lodge facilities and to make any suggestions or point out any problems with the hotel before arrangements were completed for the 2008 Annual Conference.

Chris Klusmeyer gave a report on the status of the technical program for the upcoming Conference in Columbia in October. Chris said that the program was coming together and that there were still a number of time slots to be filled. He said that John Betz was working on the Wednesday afternoon Operators' Workshop. Chris asked the Board if it had any suggestions to help improve the technical sessions.

Sandi Miller reported to the Board on the status of exhibitor registrations. Registration as of March 12 was 20. Sandi felt the number was in-line with what the Conference usually had at that time each year. She thought everything was fine.

Ken Hogan gave a retirees' committee report. Ken said he was still working on ideas to encourage more retiree involvement in the Conference. He suggested to the Board that it might want to consider using retirees to help out more during the annual meeting. He thought many retirees might enjoy working as room monitors during technical sessions, helping out at the registration desk, etc.

Gene Thurman said that arrangements were underway for the upcoming Annual Section Meetings around the State. He said that he would be attending the North East and South East Section meetings. Tina Hale-Rush would be taking care of the duties for the Midwest Section. Sandi Miller said that either Lori Cook or Lea Edler would be assisting at the North East meeting and that John Betz would represent the Board at the South West session. Tom Stechmann commented that he was always impressed at the size and success of the South West Section meeting and suggested that the Board talk

with the planners in Monet about how they put their annual meeting together. The Board thought it was an excellent idea.

John Betz gave his recording secretary's report. Income for 2007 as of the end of February was \$43,774.79. Expenses were \$ 38,856.07. Net operating income totaled \$ 4,918.72. Reserve funds totaled \$ 13,965.81. Membership total at the end of February was 2,250.

Gene Thurman passed along to the Board that in 2006, the MWWC had provided over 80 training sessions in Missouri to nearly 2,500 operators. The Board thought that the Conference training program was in excellent shape. The Board talked about ways in which the MWWC might reach the owners and decision makers in communities. It felt that this was an audience that the Conference should be working harder on reaching in the years to come.

The Board talked about the upcoming 2008 Annual Meeting at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. A number of the Board members had some reservations about the layout of the hotel and expressed their concerns that the setup for the exhibits, registration, and event areas would be critical to ensuring that the 2008 meeting was a success. The Board agreed that after the tour of the hotel there should be another discussion about the layout of everything and that changes might be necessary. Sandi Miller said that she would be working with the Lodge of the Four Seasons staff to implement the Board's suggestions.

There was no old or new business brought to the floor.

Tom Stechmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The March 14, 2007 meeting was adjourned.