

**Unapproved Minutes**

**SDAWWA Executive Board Meeting**

**August 1, 2024**

**Held via Teams**

**Members Present:** Matt Erickson, Kevin Newman, Ben Haecherl, Sam Cotter, Austin Hoellein, Kyle Goodmanson, Casey Skillingstad, Kyla Diaz, Brian Hoellein, Rachel Kloos

**Members Absent**:

**Others Present:** Rob Kittay-Section Manager, Chris Myers-T&E Co-Chair, Ted Lewis-SDWWA Liaison

**Call to Order:** Erickson called the meeting to order at 12:03 CT pm. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Kittay had emailed the agenda and had sent the agenda to Jaime for posting on the web site. Goodmanson moved toapprove the amended agenda. Newman seconded. Motion passed.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting had been previously distributed to the Board and placed on web site. Diaz moved to approve the minutes. Kloos seconded. Motion passed.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer’s Report**: Cotter reported-

**Certificates of Deposit:**

* Black Hills FCU – 24 mo - $27,830 – 2.23% - matures on 11/4/24
* Black Hills FCU – 9 mo - $90,482 – 4.64% - matures on 2/20/2025

**Checking Account Highlights:**

* QuickBooks subscription
* Received deposits from AWWA
* YP Social ($406 expense YTD. $500 budgeted “YP Events”)
* Travel reimbursements:
  + RMSO ($536 expense. $4,000 budgeted)
  + ACE – Section member lunch ($203 expense. $500 budgeted)
  + ACE – Director travel ($1,335 expense. $5,000 budgeted)
  + ACE - taste test winner travel ($2,090 expense. $4,000 budgeted)
  + ACE – Section staff travel ($1,048 expense. $2,000 budgeted)

**Section Manager:** Kittay reported as follows-

**AWWA Checkbook-**$27,756.54 as of July 31, 2024

**Regular Share Account-**$52.17 as of July 31, 2024

**Certificates of Deposit (all as of July 31, 2024):**

Black Hills FCU-24 month - $27,830.02 – 2.26% - matures on 11/4/24 $307.77 Interest YTD

Black Hills FCU-9 month - $90,481.79 – 4.64% - matures on 2/20/25 $481.79 Interest YTD

Black Hills FCU-Premium High Yield-$12,700.04—1.25% $66.05 Interest YTD

**Checkbook Highlights from May 1, 2024-Present:**

**Income-**

Received from AWWA 5/3-$189.05

Received from AWWA 5/10-$177.15

Received from AWWA 6/7-$206.05

Received from AWWA 7/5-$134.05

Received from SDWWA-Water Seminar-$258.73

**Expenses-**

B Hoellein ACE -$1538.29

Lewis & Clark RWS-ACE-Water Taste Test-$2090.25

K Newman Koozies, etc for RMSO-$618.06

K Newman RMSO-$535.85

R Kittay Contract Work Jan-Apr-$725.00

K Diaz YP-$333.67

He had also attended T&E meetings, monthly meetings with Maggie, and been working on Conference.

**Director’s Report:** Brian Hoellein reported-

I official started this role at the conclusion of ACE 2024. I attended board meeting June 9/10 in Anaheim and then stayed for the ACE conference. 2024 marks the 50th year of the Safe Drinking Water Act. This act and the subsequent updates have resulted in much improved protection to the environment, drinking water sources, and our domestic water supplies.

Some of the topics at the board meetings included:

* + Water Equation in its 10th year. Philanthropy
  + Support operators attending ACE
  + Scholarships which you can find information and applications on the AWWA web site.
  + Increase in membership dues in the next three years.
  + Water 2050, with strategic priorities Sustainability & Resilience
  + Innovation and Circular Economy
  + Finance & Affordability
  + One Water Governance & Policy
  + Equity Access & Community Engagement
  + Strategic Plan Update
  + Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) Standard Update
  + Young Professionals (YP) Pilot Program Update
  + PFAS: AWWA/AMWA Petition for Judicial Review of PFAS Regulation. A statement on this petition can be found at: | Statement from AWWA and AMWA on petition for judicial review of PFAS regulation | AWWA and AMWA Petition Frequently Asked Questions

I accepted the South Dakota Section Water Buffalos certificate for the support we provided this past year. The Water Buffalos (also known as “Ride with a Purpose”) is a motorcycle group that raise funds to support Water for People.

I attended the New Directors Training in Denver July 22 – 23, 2024. Principal topics:

* Responsibility & Roles of AWWA Board of Director
* Structure & Business of AWWA
* Legal Responsibilities as an Association Board Director
* Committees
* Presentation and Skills Training

**SDWWA Liaison Report:**  Kittay reported as Lewis was absent. The SDWWA Conference is September 11-13 at the Lodge in Deadwood. The three groups will meet at 4:30 pm on Tuesday at Conference.

**Chair Report:** Erickson reported-

Activities to Date

Submitted Q2 Source to Stream Article.

Attended AWWA Region III RMSO.

Attended monthly meetings with our Section Relationship Manager.

Attended T&E Committee Meetings.

Newman moved to accept the previous reports. Goodmanson seconded. Motion passed.

**Council and Committee Business:**

**Administrative and Policy Council:** Skillingstad reported as follows-

Membership

o Current membership summary

 Current member count 188

 2024 Goals: Growth – Retention & Recruitment

• 1% (184 members)

• 2% (186 members)

• 3% (187 members)

o Utility Members

Annual Conference Awards

o Nominees have been submitted

 Working to finalize review of awardees and order awards not being received by

nationals

 Will prepare banquet script for the award winners

Scholarship Award

o Received two applications thus far.

o Deadline for applications is August 31st.

**Technical & Education Council:** Kloos/Myers reported as follows-

T&E Committee Recent activities

Monthly Committee meetings

T&E Action Items for 2024

Water Seminar 2024 – Brookings, SD-103 attendees-Revenue - $517 (50% to SD AWWA)

2024 Annual Conference – Water Section

TOP OPS

Water Section Agenda:

Session A-Water Treatment/Distribution-Pine Crest B Room at TLAD

Moderator-Chris Myers-Sioux Falls AV Tech-Ben Haecherl-HDR

1:00 SD Regulatory Update-Mark Mayer-SD DANR

1:20 Lead and Copper Rule Update-Erin Steever-Bartlett & West and Erin Fagnan-SD DANR

1:50 Acoustic Leak Detection in Pierre-Bill Pisch and Graham Mattison-Kamstrup Water Metering

2:20 Break

2:30 Membrane Piloting-Jarrett Hillius and Joe Honner-HDR

3:00 PFAS in South Dakota-Sammi Blood-SD DANR and Tim Stefanich-AE2S

3:45 Filter Evaluation and Backwash-Delvin Deboer-AE2S

* Training Calendar

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| DATE | Conference | Virtual/In-person | Notes |
| September 11-13, 2024 | Annual Conference | Deadwood | \*\*Planning Session for ATC Conference |
| January 14-16, 2025 | SD Rural Water – ATC | Pierre |  |
| March 26-27, 2025 | Water Seminar | Mitchell |  |

A lot of discussion centered on member vs non-member issues at seminar.

**Public Affairs:** Austin Hoellein reported as follows-

The main project for the Public Affairs committee is the PAC Raffle and to sell mulligans at the golf tournament held during the fall conference. The dollars generated from these two projects support Water for People and Water Equation. Last year’s conference the PAC Raffle and golf mulligans brought in a total of $2,420.

The following is a snapshot of the Water for People program in 2023:

* 229,682 people reached with new or improved water services
* 296,767 people reached with new or improved sanitation services
* 228,393 people reached with hygiene education
* 171 schools with access to improved water, sanitation, and hygiene
* 22 health clinics with access to improved water, sanitation, and hygiene
* 505 communities with new or improved water service

With the upcoming fall conference in September, activity for the Committee will be increasing in August. There has been no activity since our last meeting in April.

**Water Industry Council:** Goodmanson reported-

The 2024 AWWA Water Matters Fly-In was April 9th and 10th. The Fly-In is a two- day event where delegates from each state go to Washington D.C. and meet with Congressional Leaders to discuss current water issues important to AWWA. South Dakota sends two delegates to D.C. for the Fly-In event. Travel expenses are reimbursed for one of the delegates by the National AWWA and the travel expenses for the second delegate are reimbursed by the South Dakota Section, AWWA. The Water Industry Chair is typically one of the delegates. This year the second delegate was Ted Lewis from City of Sioux Falls. Let me know if you are aware of any South Dakota AWWA members that might be interested in attending the Fly-in next year. We met with congressional aids. We did not get to meet in person with any of the representatives. Kyle has received reimbursement from national.

Thanks to AE2S. They took a small group of delegates from our region out for dinner. I think we are going to try and make that an annual dinner.

Topics discussed were: some combo of PFAS/CERCLA, water infrastructure funding, water affordability, cybersecurity

Completed an article for Source to Stream.

Legislative Update Luncheon. Mark McIntire, Drinking Water Program Administrator, will be the new contact for the luncheon. We are going to try and schedule for late August. Still working on a location.

**YP Committee:** Diaz submitted the following:

1) YP Council recent activities:

a. Quarterly Group meeting on May 13th

i. Dan Van Overbeke presented

b. Committee meeting on July 9th

i. Planned social event and bean bag tournament at Annual Meeting

ii. Discussed positions for next year

1. Hannah Kast - Chair

2. Joe Anderson - East Co-Chair

3. Abby Strahl - West Co-Chair

4. Austin Schlagel - Secretary

2) Upcoming Events

a. Quarterly Group Meeting on August 20th

b. Social event at Annual Meeting

c. Bean bag tournament

**Other Business:**

**ACE Recap-**Cotter had previously given some comments on ACE. He added a few more about his experience there. There were five people at the SD Luncheon.

**Association Strategic Plan-**Available on web site

**Association Management System-**Should be rolling out shortly

**Section Branding/Logo-**Unveiled at RMSO’s. Some negative comments in general.

**RCAP Agreement-**Being worked on by AWWA. May come back.

**Conference Banner-**AWWA has some that can be borrowed.

**Annual Conference Coordination-**Kittay went thru Conf check list

**Strategic Plan Action Items:** Erickson went thru some of the action items.

**2024 Conferences/Seminars:**

Annual SDWWA Conference: September 11-13, Deadwood, SD

SDML Conference: October 8-11 Sioux Falls

Others?

**Library Inventory/2024 Book Order:** Think ahead for the next order

**2024 Future Board Meetings:**

September 10-Deadwood at SDWWA Conference

December via Teams

**Adjourn:** Cotter moved to adjourn. Kloos seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:51 CT pm.

Minutes Submitted by Rob Kittay-August 10, 2024

**Committee Chairs:**

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| Position | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
| Chair | Ben Haecherl | Matt Erickson |
| Chair - Elect | Matt Erickson | Kevin Newman |
| Past - Chair | Brian Hoellein | Ben Haecherl |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Lori Seten | Sam Cotter |
| Public Affairs Council Chair | Austin Hoellein | Austin Hoellein |
| Technical & Education Council Chair | Rachel Kloos | Rachel Kloos  Chris Myers |
| Water Utility Council Chair | Kevin Newman | Kyle Goodmanson |
| Administrative & Policy Council Chair | Casey Skillingstad | Casey Skillingstad |
| Young Professionals Chair | Kyla Diaz | Kyla Diaz |
| Director | Joe Honner | Brian Hoellein |

Other personnel include Rob Kittay-Section Manager and Ted Lewis-SDWWA Liaison.