

**Unapproved Minutes**

**SDAWWA Executive Board Meeting**

**September 12, 2023**

**Holiday Inn-Spearfish**

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

**Members Absent**: Joe Honner

**Others Present:** Rob Kittay-Section Manager, Mary Gugliuzza, Chris Myers

**Call to Order:** Haecherl called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Kittay had placed the agenda on the web site as well as the minutes from the last meeting. Austin Hoellein moved toapprove the agenda. Kloos seconded. Motion passed.

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

**Reports:**

**Treasurer’s Report**: Lori Seten submitted the Treasurer’s Report. As of September 10, 2023, the Profit/Loss shows $10,543.88 income over expenses. Net worth is $142,844.19 as of August 31, 2023.

**Certificates of Deposit:**

Black Hills FCU-24 month - $27,317.85 – 2.26% - matures on 11/4/24,

Black Hills FCU-14 month - $51,546.58 – 4.0% - matures on 5/13/24.

Black Hills FCU-Prem High Yield-$12,581.74—1.25%

**Highlights from August, 2023:**

Received Surface Water Workshop share-$3742.05

**Section Manager:** Kittay was at the SDWWA Meeting so there was no report.

**Director’s Report:** Noreport.

**SDWWA Liaison Report:**  No report.

**Chair Report:** Haecherl reported as follows-

1. Attending monthly meetings with AWWA National rep (Brian, Ben, Matt, Rob, Maggie).

2. Meetings and coordination as needed for planning SDWWA Conf (Brian, Ben, Matt, Rob).

3. Attended SDWWA/AWWA/WEA joint coordination meeting.

4. Reviewed banquet script (prepared by Casey).

5. Reviewed/approved hours submitted by Rob.

6. Coordinating ad-hoc committee to review Section committees.

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

**Council and Committee Business:**

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

* Awards Update

o Plaques are ready

o I have finalized and provided award script to Ben for Awards Banquet

 Received AWWA Award nomination email/S2S article

· YP Excellence Award

· Courageous Service Award

· Gimmicks and Gadgets Contest

· Operator’s Meritorious Service Award

 5 Silver Water Drop Awardees

 2 Life Member Status Awardee

o Fuller committee selection is complete

· Membership

o Current membership summary (through July)

 Current member count: 182

· Net -12 members in 2023

· Currently have 2 late members

 2023 new recruits: 3

 2023 goal = 197 members (2% growth)

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

1. T&E Committee Recent activities

a. Monthly Committee meetings

b. Strategic Planning

2. T&E Action Items for 2023

a. Water Seminar

i. Completed March 29-30, 2023 in Yankton

b. EPA/RCAP Training for 2023 - Scheduled.

i. Requested (2) with Stipend.

1. Sioux Falls – Hosted at Sioux Falls Purification Plant with tour.

2. Rapid City – GFP, with tour of RC Jackson Springs

c. Water Seminar planning has begun

i. Planning session Scheduled for September 12.

3. Training Calendar

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| DATE | Conference | Virtual/In-person | Notes |
| ~~August 22, 2023~~ | EPA/RCAP 1-day | East River – SF Water Purification Plant | 25 attendees |
| September 26, 2023 | EPA/RCAP 1-day | West River – GFP- West Campus | 22 Signed up |
| September 13-15 | Annual Fall Conference | Spearfish, SD | 4 hours of training |
| Spring 2024 | Water Seminar | TBD | 1.5 days |

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

The Public Affairs Committee consists of Bill Sarringar and Gavin Graverson. The committee will be looking for others to join moving forward. The main project for this 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. The past two months we have been prepping for the fall conference starting tomorrow. Last year’s conference the PAC Raffle and golf mulligans brought in a total of $2,325, we hope to surpass that with this year’s donations.

**Water Industry Council:** Newman reported-

AWWAY Fly-In

The 2023 AWWA Fly-In was held March 22nd and 23rd and included meetings with our Legislative Leaders in Washington D.C. Meetings were held with a staff members of Senator John Thune’s office, Senator Mike Round’s office and Representative Dusty Johnson’s office. Legislative Leader’s staff members were very supportive of the issues presented this year. The topics discussed with the legislative members included:

· Invest in the nations water infrastructure.

o Support full funding for DWSRF and WEFIA at or above the authorized amount.

o Halt the practice of taking funding for earmarks out of the annual SRF appropriations.

o Restore the tax-exempt benefits of advanced refunding of municipal bonds.

o Continued support for these programs in the future.

· Support the ‘polluter pays’ principle for PFAS cleanup.

o Support an explicit legislative exemption from liability under CERCLA for water systems

acting in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations in the event of PFAS

contamination.

· Building cybersecurity resilience in the water sector.

o Authorize a coregulatory model, similar to that in the electric sector.

o Support capacity development programs to expand outreach for training programs.

o Establish a dedicated funding program to expedite implantation of cybersecurity best

practices.

· Support source water protection through the Farm Bill.

o Protect the 10% set-aside for source water protection in the upcoming Farm Bill.

o Ensure that the 10% set-aside to conservation funds included in the Inflation Reduction Act

by moving those funds into the Farm Bill baseline.

o Make improvements to NRCS programs and practices that will help continue to advance

source water protection.

Legislative Update Luncheon

The Legislative Update Luncheon with Mark Mayer of the SD DANR was held in Pierre on Wednesday,

August 16, 2023. There were seven SD AWWA members that attended this session. Mark talked about

recent SD DANR Water staffing changes, the Lead and Copper Rule program, UCMR5, and Cybersecurity.

Below is a summary of Mark’s Legislative Update

Staffing:

· Number of staff is the same as it has been.

· Jamie Haueter who was the Capacity Coordinator has resigned.

· Erin Fagnan returned to the SD DANR. Erin is heading up the Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory Project.

Lead & Copper Service Line Inventory

· Field Services Contractor with Bartlett & West, Black & Veatch, and Brosz Engineering

· South Dakota Lead Service Line Inventory Website developed and set up. Website is to help distribute information regarding the inventory and make sure everyone is saying the same thing.

· There is a link on the SD DANR Lead Service Line website to the survey they are asking all residents and business to take. Intent of survey is to help the State determine, which homes and businesses don’t require further investigation to determine if they have a lead service.

· State is requesting that all take the survey. It only takes about 5 minutes.

· Lead & Copper Improvements Regulation will be coming out this year.

· Service Inventories are due by October 2024.

· Money available to pay for service line replacement.

UCMR5

· EPA released the first set of data collected under the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) on August 17th. 29 PFAS Compounds and Lithium are included. There are lots of lithium hits. Also hits of perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA).

* + - EPA Fact Sheet (Technical Guide) available.

Cybersecurity

· EPA issued a memorandum on Cybersecurity requirements in March.

· Memorandum requires states to assess cybersecurity practices at all public water systems during periodic sanitary surveys under SDWA.

· Several States have taken the EPA to court over requirements. A stay was issued by the Circuit Court temporarily suspending the EPA’s cybersecurity plan while a legal challenge filed by the state attorneys general of Missouri, Arkansas and Iowa runs its course.

Article for Source to Stream

An article was prepared and submitted on July 28th for publishing in the 3rd Quarter Issue of the Source to Stream Publication. The article explained the AWWA Fly-In and described the items discussed at the Fly-In this year.

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

1) YP Council recent activities:

a. Serving at St. Francis on August 8th

b. YP Council Meeting August 25th

2) Upcoming Events

a. Social event at Sawyer’s Brewing

b. Bean bag tournament at the Annual Conference

**AWWA National Representative:** Gugliuzza reported as follows-

-Water leadership academy. For people with 3-10 years of experience. 50 people from across US and Canada will get selected. Involves two in-person meetings and quarterly virtual meetings.

-LCRR is in a 90-day review. Earliest date for publishing is probably December.

-Five under 35 YP Award application due October 31st.

- Texas has an awards committee and that likely results in more national awards for them. SD should consider this.

- Consider training for customer service staff. Texas has an ad-hoc lab committee. Point is to consider other water groups. Municipal league conference may be the place to recruit.

**Annual Meeting/SDWWA Conference:** The booth schedule is as follows-

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| Booth Schedule | 1 | 2 |
| 8:00 – 9:00 | Brian Hoellein | Rachel Kloos |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | Casey Skillingstad | Matt Erickson |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Ben Haecherl | Kyla Diaz |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Kyle Goodmanson | Kevin Newman |

**Strategic Plan Update:** Haecherl updated the group. Kloos spoke about “Women in Science” that takes place in Sioux Falls. Junior Achievement workshop was also mentioned.

**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 |
| 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.

**Conferences-RCAP/AWWA Workshops:** The RCAP/AWWA Workshop in Rapid City is next week.

**Municipal League Participation:** AWWA is still trying to get on agenda for the Municipal League. Goodmanson inquired for this year in June but the agenda had already been finished. He will try for the 2024 Conference.

**Polo Shirt Status:** Haecherl will look into new shirts for Board. At the RMSO, Wisconsin personnel had a couple different shirts.

**SDAWWA Library/2023 Book Order:** No library requests have been made lately. Kloos will arrange for Small Water System books to be sent to the RC workshop attendees. Exam prep book and Water Work Force books might be of interest. Kittay suggested to determine the number of those books to buy then spend the rest of money on Small Water System books.

**2023 Bylaws Update:** Skillingstad thinks they are set to go.

**Secretary/Treasurer**-Seten is stepping down as Secretary/Treasurer. Cotter is now the Secretary/Treasurer. Kittay will now be handling the checkbook on a day-to-day basis with Cotter overseeing the checkbook. Cotter will also be a signee on the checkbook. Brain Hollein moved to approve this change on the check book and to give Seten a $1000 honorarium for her work. Skillingstad seconded. Motion passed.

**Water Research Foundation**-Newman moved to give a $1000 donation. Austin Hoellein seconded. Motion passed.

**Web Site**-Jamie Haueter is no longer working for DANR. Haecherl will ask her to stay on as the webmaster.

**AWWA Scholarship**-The only applicant was Alica Honner, daughter of Joe Honner. The scholarship is for $1000.

**2023 AWWA Board Meetings:**

December 2023 to be held via Zoom, etc.

**Other Business:** There was no other business.

**Adjourn:** Newman moved to adjourn. Erickson seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Minutes Submitted by Rob Kittay-September 26, 2023