

**Approved Minutes**

**SDAWWA Executive Board Meeting**

**March 28, 2023**

**Yankton SD**

**Members Present:** Matt Erickson, Kevin Newman, Casey Skillingstad, Austin Hoellein, Brian Hoellein, Ben Haecherl

**Members Absent**: Joe Honner, Kyla Diaz, Lori Seten, Rachel Kloos

**Others Present:** Rob Kittay-Section Manager, Kyle Goodmanson

**Call to Order:** Haecherl called the meeting to order at 6:09. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Brian Hoellein moved toapprove the agenda. Austin Hoellein seconded. Motion passed.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting had been previously distributed to the Board. Erickson moved to approve the minutes. Skillingstad seconded. Motion passed. Kittay asked as to why the minutes are not placed on web site. After discussion, the minutes will be placed on web site.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer’s Report**: Lori Seten submitted the Treasurer’s Report. As of February 21, 2023, the Profit & Loss shows $6449.24 expenses over income. Net worth is $137,072.37.

Certificates of Deposit:

Black Hills FCU – 24 month - $26,996.29 – 2.26% - matures on 11/4/24,

Black Hills FCU – 24 month - $60,571.60 - 0.5% - matures on 3/11/23. This was reinvested at 4%. $10,000 was taken out and invested in a high yield savings account

The following were completed in January-Taxes paid for 2022, W2/W3/990-N/944 forms, and work comp audit.

**Section Manager:** Kittay has just accepted the position in early March. Deville reported as follows-

* Updated website with current events.
* Updated board manual and is ready for the board to review. I did not get Austin’s phone number so that needs to be added.
* Reserved the meeting room at Rivers Edge restaurant. This was canceled due to the winter storm.
* Reserved the bus from the Game Lodge to Mt. Rushmore for RMSO and forwarded this information on the Ben.
* Reserved a room at the Spearfish Holiday Inn for the visiting AWWA rep. for the annual conference. This information was forwarded to Ben.
* Attended T&E planning meetings.
* Sent section emails for events that were happening.
* I will continue to monitor my emails for any section business that may come to me and forward them to Ben.

**Director’s Report:** No report was given.

**SDWWA Liaison Report:**  Goodmanson reported. SDWWA is going to have a strategic planning session to take place this summer. Kittay also spoke to the SDWWA Board about the AWWA position to see if they had any issues.

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

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

2. Meetings as needed for planning RMSO (Brian, Ben, Matt, Jeff, Jim).

3. Coordinated with Brian, Matt, and Maggie to bring Kittay on board.

4. Coordinating ad-hoc committee to review Section committees. Also prepared Procedures & Objectives for chair position

Austin Hoellein moved to accept the previous reports. Brian Hoellein seconded. Motion passed.

**Council and Committee Business:**

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

Source to Stream Articles

o Meritorious Service Award (Q1)

o Membership article (Q2)

♣ Wanted to submit after the Membership Summit

Membership

o Attended the AWWA Membership Summit on Feb 1st – 3rd

♣ We met our membership growth goal (> 1.0%) but did not meet our member recruitment goal (19)

• Missed by two members

o 2022 Summary

♣ 2019-year end member count: 200

♣ 2020-year end member count: 186 (-7% growth)

♣ 2021-year end member count: 191 (2.7% growth)

♣ 2022-year end member count: 193 (1.0% growth)

o 2023 Summary

♣ We have gained 4 new members in 2023

o 2023 Membership Action Plan due by March 31th

♣ Membership growth for 2023

♣ Goal of 2% or 3%

• It will take both retention and recruitment to achieve the goal

**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 Planning

i. Scheduled for March 29-30

ii. Yankton, SD

iii. 100 signed up!

b. EPA/RCAP Training for 2023

i. Requested two with stipend.

ii. Three completed by March 2024.

3. Training Calendar DATE Conference Virtual/In-person

Notes- March 29-30, 2023 Spring Water Seminar In-Person Yankton, SD

April 18-20, 2023 Surface Water Conference In-Person Fargo, ND

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

The Public Affairs Committee consists of Bill Sarringar, Andrea Greise, and Gavin Graverson. The main project for this committee is the PAC Raffle at the fall conference, there has been no activity since our last meeting in December. We also 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. Activity for the committee will increase in the coming months as we prepare for the fall conference.

**Water Utility Council:** Newman reported as follows-

AWWA Fly-In

The 2023 AWWA Fly-In was held March 22nd and 23rd and included meetings with our Legislative Leaders in Washington D.C. A meeting was held with a staff member of Senator John Thune’s office early afternoon on March 22nd and a meeting was held with a staff member of Senator Mike Round’s office late afternoon on March 22nd. A meeting was held with a staff member of Representative Dusty Johnson’s office early afternoon on March 23rd. Legislative Leader’s staff members were very supportive of the issues presented this year.

The topics discussed with the Legislatures 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 co-regulatory 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.

The Legislative Update Luncheon in Pierre with Mark Mayer-DANR has not been scheduled yet. Need to discuss the benefit of this luncheon.

**YP Committee:** Diaz reported as follows-

1. YP Council recent activities:

a. Meeting on February 10th.

i. Discussed events for 2023

1. Volunteer Event – School STEM presentation

2. Social Event in association with Annual Conference

b. YP Group Meeting on March 23rd

i. Eight participants including the Council

2. Upcoming Events

a. YP Summit – Sacramento, California

i. March 26-28, 2023-Diaz attended

b. Virtual meeting for all members

i. TBD

**Other Business:**

**New Section Manager:** Jeff Deville has had to step down as Section Manager. Kittay has agreed to accept the position. A succession plan for the Secretary/Treasurer is needed.

**Strategic Plan:** Haecherl discussed what has been done and asked the work to continue working on action items from the plan-Committee Review. A meeting has been held. A social event was held in RC.

**RMSO:** Discussion on the upcoming meeting at the Custer Game Lodge-May 1-2, 2023. Registration is open. The Board will have a meeting prior to the start of RMSO-4:00 pm MT on that Sunday. Evening social will be at Mount Rushmore with transportation provided. Gifts are needed for each attendee. Will need to brainstorm for gift ideas-popcorn, wine, local beers, buffalo jerky, t-shirts were suggested.

**RCAP Contract:** No report

**One Drive:** Deville has been working on this. Kittay needs to work on the email issue-SDAWWA@yahoo.com.

**2023 Conferences/Seminars:**

YP Summit: March 27 & 28, Sacramento.

Spring Seminar: March 29 & 30, Yankton.

Surface Water Conference: April 18-20, Fargo.

RMSO 2023: May 1 & 2, Custer State Park (April 30th Sunday Arrival).

ACE: June 11 – 14, Toronto.

. Annual SDWWA Conference: Sept 13 – 15, Spearfish

**2023 AWWA Board Meetings:**

March 28, Yankton (Spring Seminar)

April 30 4:00 pm MT Custer State Park (RMSO)

July ??, Virtual

September 12 Evening, Spearfish (Annual Conference)

December ??, Virtual

**Adjourn:** Skillingstad moved to adjourn. Erickson seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Minutes Submitted by Rob Kittay-April 1, 2023