

WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF RURAL WATER SYSTEMS
Board of Directors Meeting
March 25 - 29, 2007
Parkway Plaza Motel – Casper, Wyoming

The board meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. March 25, 2007 at the Parkway Plaza Motel by President Loren Crain.

Visual roll call was taken. In attendance was:

President: Loren Crain
Sec/Treasurer: Fremen Spence
National Director: Earl McKinney
Vice President David Lemler
Director: Sharon Mootz
Executive Director: Mark Pepper

Reading of the minutes:

Fremen Spence moved to accept the December 1, 2006 minutes as written. David Lemler 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

President directive

President Crain directed the agenda to move to ratification of the email vote held earlier to accept the appointment of Sharon Mootz to fill the board vacancy for Region 5. Earl McKinney moved to ratify the email vote with Fremen Spence seconding, motion carried. Director Sharon Mootz officially joined the board at this point.

Financial Report.

ED Mark Pepper reviewed the preliminary audit draft for the year end 2006. ED Pepper updated the group on the funding issues and the reason for preliminary versus final results. Further discussion or acceptance of the financials was tabled at this point pending the outcome of funding issues.

Committee Reports.

National Director: Director McKinney informed the group on the up coming dates for the Water Rally. The dates are April 29 to May 1, 2007.

President Crain asked that the meeting be recessed at this point with a restart to the meeting after the Annual board meeting on March 29, 2007. VP Lemler moved to recess, Director Mootz seconded, motion carried. Recess at 7:30 pm March 25, 2007.

President Crain called the meeting back in session March 29, 2007 at 2:56 pm.

Staff reports:

No staff reports were introduced at this meeting.

Old Business

- A. EPA Program update, ratify NRWA loan document vote. ED Pepper and National Director McKinney updated answered any additional questions not previously covered in the Annual Meeting report on the EPA program funding status. Earl McKinney moved that the NRWA loan email vote

be ratified. David Lemler seconded. ED Pepper reviewed the noted items in the loan documents specifically that WARWS would receive 3 full months of funding for the EPA programs from NRWA and should Congress restore these funds, they would be considered advances against EPA funding. Should Congress not restore these funds, NRWA would forgive the loans and WARWS would categorize these funds as "Income from NRWA". Motion to ratify the email vote for the loan carried.

B. Ratify 2007 budget email vote

Earl McKinney moved to ratify the email vote taken earlier to approve the 2007 budget. David Lemler seconded. ED Pepper indicated that the budget was still valid and should be approved. The funding issues would simply show as budget variances and would allow for future year comparisons. Motion carried.

C. Rally

Discussion ensued on funding for Rally participants. With the current funding position it is felt that the more participants that can attend and tell their systems story, the better off all would be. Funding is requested for the 2007 and 2006 taste test winners, ED and 1 or 2 board members. David Lemler moved to send up to 5 to the rally, Earl McKinney seconded. Motion carried. Attendees will be the taste test winners, ED Pepper, President Crain and Sec Treas Spence (representing their respective systems). NRWA pays for Director McKinney to attend.

New Business

- a. Administaff Proposal – ED Pepper handed out a proposal from the publicly traded Professional Employee Organization, Administaff. The basics of this proposal is to allow for Administaff to become our benefits and human resource management company. Current employee burden rates are in excess of 45% while Administaff can do all of our HR administration for under 42% or a nearly \$10,000 savings while adding significant new benefits such as employee assistance, enhanced medical insurance, enhanced life insurance, on line training, partnering potential, tuition credits and others. Earl McKinney moved to table the discussion until further info is received. David Lemler seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Professional License designation – President Crain indicated that there was positive movement to adopt a professional license designation for water and wastewater operators. He and anyone who wanted to attend were free to attend an informational meeting with he and DEQ personnel regarding this initiative.
- c. Rural Development Grant – ED Pepper updated the group on discussions with USDA-RDA on a Solid Waste Grant. Further discussions will be held in the coming months.
- d. Sanitary Survey update – ED Pepper updated the group on Sanitary Survey work received from EPA. We will have 22 survey's to help ease the loss of the EPA grant programs.

Next meeting to be held during the CBM Fair June 2, 2007 in Gillette, Wyoming.

Adjournment

Fremen Spence moved and Earl McKinney 2nd to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

President – Loren Crain

Secretary Treasurer – Fremen Spence

