

MEWEA Executive Board Meeting
Friday, May 20, 2022
In-Person & Zoom

MINUTES

Attendance: Dave Beauchamp, Tim Wade, Jeff McBurnie, Bruce Berger, Peter Zaykoski, Paula Drouin, Andre Brousseau, Travis Peaslee, Charlene Poulin, Theresa Tucker, and Joan Kiszely.

Zoom Attendance: Phil Tucker, Stacy Thompson, Gregg Wood, Emily Cole Prescott, Jim Cohen, Rob Pontau, Sarah King, Kristie Rabasca, Alex Buechner, Brody Campbell, Travis Jones, Amanda Smith.

Absent: Gretchen Anderson, Phil Tucker, Ben Stiles, Bryanna Denis. Mike Guethle and Andy Wendell.

Call to Order: President Dave Beauchamp called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Correspondence Folder: The correspondence folder was reviewed by the board.

Quorum: It was determined there was a Quorum.

Minutes: Motion made by Jeff McBurnie, seconded by Theresa Tucker, all approved the February 18, 2022, minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff McBurnie reviewed the Treasurers report indicating everything is in order. Review of March & April financial reports
Motion made by Tim Wade, seconded by Theresa Tucker, all approved the Treasurers report.

Old Business:

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

DEP Report: Gregg Wood reported on the following:

- ✚ Rulemaking – about 4 going on. Going to a public hearing in June or July
- ✚ Operators Certification – Had a Stakeholder meeting and got feedback. Going to have another Stakeholders meeting coming up.
- ✚ Nitrogen - June 9 will be a Stakeholder meeting
- ✚ Phosphorus – Really doesn't know where this stand. This may be ready to go to Public Hearing. This will probably be late September.
- ✚ PFAUS – Game plan is they are putting together a monitoring plan rather than the Legislators.
F1 Monitoring
Ambient Water Quality Monitoring
Fish Sampling Monitoring

110 Municipal on list

Compliance Inspectors conducting some training to learn how to do the sampling test

Effluent Sampling for one year

Ambient Sampling – 25 sites

Fish Tissue Sampling

✚ MS Four Permit

JETCC-NEIWPCC: Peter Zaykoski submitted a report. He reviewed his report:

✚ Recent Activities

✚ Decisions Made

✚ Action Plan Committee Officer Assignments

✚ Next Meeting is May 18

✚ North Country

✚ Other information – JETCC Founder's Award

Travis Jones reported on the following:

✚ Able to keep Amanda & John as a Board member

✚ Excited to have Jeff McBurnie come onto the board

Legislative Advocate: James Cohen not present

NEWEA: Paula Drouin submitted a report. She reviewed highlights of her report.

MWUA: Bruce reported he feels they are doing an OK job for MeWEA. He thinks MeWEA should look into outsourcing the website in the future.

MeWEA: Joan Kiszely reported on the following:

✚ Worked on getting Proposals from Venues for 2023-2024 and submitted them to the Convention Committee

✚ Will be drafting a Vendor packet and getting that out the first of June

✚ Submitted a timeline for the Personal Advancement Committee to get her a completed Session Map

MeWEA/MWUA Affiliate: Rob Pontau submitted a report.

✚ MWUA had a Board Meeting met yesterday

Tom's Water Solutions is doing a great job

✚ Outing is August 11 is at Cumberland Fairgrounds, Golf is August 3 at Val Halla

✚ Al Hodgson passed away and it is a great loss in the industry, He was a huge supporter of the Association

✚ Operators Challenge: Doing really good and working hard. Headed to Mass to practicing more. It's a new group and very active. Competition is at Mt. Washington at the NEWWEA Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee: Mike Guethle submitted a report. Mike is looking for nomination. The board will review the nominations at the next meeting in June. These are presented in September at the Fall Convention.

Collections System: Ben Stiles did not submit a report. Travis Jones reported:

- + He was asked by Mary Berry to run a Corn Hole event at the NEWEA Conference
- + Needs Volunteers to help him

Communications Report: Bryanna Denis was absent and had no report.

Convention Report: Phil Tucker was not present. Stacy Thompson reported the following:

- + Will be going to Sunday River for 2023 & 2024
- + New Hampshire will be sponsoring Ski Day and will find a location
- + Had a good time at Saddleback for Ski Day
- + Stacy offered to help Charlene with getting Speakers/Topics

Government Affairs Report: Amanda Smith & Emily Cole-Prescott submitted a report. She reported on the following:

- + Virtual Fly In this past week – Went very well
- + One thing out of Pingree's office was get some information of cost impact on Biosolids management of cost increase from LD 1911
- + Create a smaller PFAUS Group
- + Working on a Support Letter on SR 3169
- + Will have a meeting in early June
- + Amanda thanked Emily for all she is doing on this committee
- + She joined the Water Advocacy Group

A brief discussion about LD 1911 & 1639 & 1875

Laboratory: Andy Wendell was not present.

Membership Report: Rob Pontau submitted a report.

Personal Advancement Report: Charlene Poulin submitted a report. She reported in addition the following:

- + Timeline on Fall Convention
- + Need Name of Speaker, Title, brief discussion
- + Asked Committee Chairs to submit one topic for the conference
- + Reaching out to some Engineers

Brief discussion on suggested topics.

Pretreatment Report: Terry Tucker reported the following:

- + Meeting on June 8 at Inland Technologies
- + They will be turning in a Nomination from the Pretreatment Committee
- + EPA has been quiet

Public Relations Report: Ashley Jones may be interested in being the chair of this committee.

Residual Management Report: Travis Peaslee & Andre Brousseau were present.

Andre Brousseau reported the following:

- + Trying their best with damage control with Legislation that has passed.
- + Following Technology – Faced with Regulators
- + To jump on with NEBRA. Try to see what they have to offer
- + Trying to stay up with PFAS & Effluent and how to communicate to the members
- + Trying to get a Stakeholder group going

Storm Water Report: Sarah King

Kristie Rabasca submitted a report. Additional comments were as follows:

- + EPA has been quiet
- + Clean Water Shed needs working with DEP & EPA
- + 50 year Celebration
- + MS4 Permit

Treatment Plant Operator Report: Alex Buechner submitted a report.

- + Ops Challenge going to NEWEA conference. They have 4 teams
- + He will be going down to facilitate
- + Posters are being scanned in
- + The voting went well

Young Professionals Report: Brody Campbell had no report at this time.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Presidents Report: Dave Beauchamp reported on the following:



1st Vice Presidents Report: Tim submitted a report. Tim Wade reported on the following:

- + Virtual Flying wrap up
- + Rep met with all 4
- + Talked with King, Pingree and Collins
 - King
 - Reach out to similar organizations in different regions about our needs
 - Cyber Security
 - Information on material shortages/lead times
 - Pingree
 - Cost information for landfill biosolids
 - Collings
 - Information on material cost/qty backups/SSO's caused by wipes
- + Had 3 talking points to each legislator
 - PFAS – Informed of effects of LD1911
 - Land fill capacity

- DW/WW Improvements Funding – Wipes Act
- ✚ They wanted more information to help them
 - ✚ Save the Date – 50th CWA September 29th – 50 Champions – Tim will be part of the selection committee
 - ✚ SPS updates – Membership Tasks, MeWEA/MWUA relationship, Admin guide review, ED Contract Review, email addresses, etc.
 - ✚ Outstanding award – thinking about giving it to Senator Collins – will do it at the Fall Annual Convention

Need for additional authorized signatories for check: Travis Peaslee volunteered to be the Deputy Treasurer and back Jeff McBurnie-Treasurer. Still going to look at Electronic Signature.

2nd Vice President: Gretchen Anderson was not present.

Past President Report: Phil Tucker was not present.

Other New Business:

UPCOMING EVENTS

June: Clean Water Week

August: Summer Outing/MWUA

August: Golf/MWUA

September 21-23 Fall Convention Sunday River, Newry

September 29th CWA 50th Anniversary Celebration -Simard Payne Park, Lewiston

Next Board Meeting: Friday June 17- LAWPCA – 9:00 AM

Adjourn: Motion made by Jeff McBurnie, seconded by Theresa Tucker, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.