



Minutes
June 24, 2008, 10:00-2:00 pm
The Station, NWMSU

Members in Attendance: Harlan Higginbotham, Bill Hills, Curtis Hedrick, Zac Johnson, Manley Tillison, Richard Graner, Bob Stiens, Dick VanVactor, Ken Minter, Tom Bliss, Randy Railsback, Lance Rains, and Tye Parsons.

Members not in Attendance: Marsha Boone, Dale Watson, Norman Ellis, Marvin Nickell, Huey Jacobs, Wayne Voltmer, and Arnie Kreek.

Participants, Advisors, Staff and Visitors: Judy Bowman, Steve McIntosh, Breck Summerford, Beverly Maltzberger, Steve Wyatt, Doug Garrett, Jerry Smith, Andy Shively, Jerry Baker, Harry Ingels (KCMO), Bernie Meyer, Bob Ross, Doug Schulte, Kyra Mills, Representative Mike Thomson, Darren Hennen (Olsson Assc.), Jeff Thorn (Olsson Assc.), Bill Jarocki, Meghan Hemenway Bob Dunlevy and Jerri Dearthmont.

Harlan Higginbotham welcomed anyone and informed the members that Marsha Boone had surgery yesterday and is doing well. Introductions were made with new visitors.

Parking permits expire June 30, 2008. New permits were issued to all present.

The May 13, 2008 minutes were presented. There were no corrections or additions made to the minutes. The reading of the minutes were dismissed.

Committee Reports/Updates

Atchison County Wholesale Water Commission Facility Plan Funding – Breck Summerford

Breck Summerford announced Atchison County Wholesale Water Commission (ACWWC) received a grant in the amount of \$120,000 from MO DNR to develop a facility plan. These monies in conjunction with SRF funding will allow for a basic facility plan to be written. The facility plan is to be completed by fall. The three-party contract will be signed by ACWWC, Bartlett & West and Mo DNR. Kyra Mills stated the facility plan has been trimmed down some. This plan will probably include 2 well fields and 2 wells in order to get water to the closest entity to get started. By having it phased, this will get the ACWWC collateral so ACWWC can speak to the five local banks, which actually has been done, so they can help with the slack in order to get the SRF funding released. Two entities have made a commitment to the commission about \$50,000 each and others are discussing with their respective boards. Midwest Data has made an offer to install the fiber for the scada system that will be needed for the remote access and remote control system at no charge. Randy Railsback asked Breck if this facility plan would get the ACWWC to the point to bid out. Breck answered that this will get ACWWC qualified for a SRF loan. It was phased because it was too big of a project to fund. Atchison County is a two-part phase and the first phase will include a well field and a treatment plant to serve Atchison County #1 PWSD and Rock

Port first and then once this was built there would be a better feeling from the lending agencies to move forward and fund the remaining of the project and transmission mains. The lending agencies want to see water being treated and sold. This \$120,000 will take care of the facility plan and qualify then to borrow money to build the well field and treatment plant and lines that are need to connect Atchison County #1 and Rock Port. Once the first phase is complete, then the lending agencies will help fund the second phase since revenues will be generated. The second phase will include the remaining project and transmission lines to Tarkio, Fairfax and Nodaway County #1 PWS. The EPA-STAG grant will be used in the second phase for engineering. After the facility plan is complete and application is submitted then ACWWC will become fundable and then will need specs and plans drawn and approved to bid out for construction. There are more funds available for construction with the rural water grants that have been committed that will match the SRF loans.

Corp of Engineer PAS Study Stage 1 and Stage 2 – Steve McIntosh

The 12-county study was signed June 6 which is the larger study. A letter invoice is needed for the financial commitment and transfer of funds to the Corps. MoDNR is in the process and will have the money available Thursday. NWMSU will have their part available by wire transfer by the end of this week so the COE can contract out the first phase. Bartlett & West will be the sub-contractor, who will be doing the majority of the work and Camp, Dresser & McKee is the major contractor. The consultant will be able to begin work in July 2008 and get to the 50% stage in August. The 50% stage is a level of detail with rough cost estimates for the entire 12-county area. The environmental review will not be included in phase I. The 50% stage is hoping to be presented at the September meeting. This contract agreement can be amended. The report will need to be sent out early for review before the September meeting.

Membership needs and Suggestions

Harlan stated that only about five alternates have been received. Harlan reminded the members that we still need alternates. There are vacancies in Holt County and Clinton County. Harlan has spoken to Mark Sitherwood from Holt County and Mark Gaugh from Clinton County, both were unable to attend today.

If was suggested by Dick VanVactor that the \$120,000 be announced to the public. MoDNR will work up a press release for Atchison County that will include the whole 12-county area.

Beginning May 19, Harrison County Rural Water is buying water from Bethany approximately 125,000/gpd. Bethany has about 1.4M/gpd capacity. Harrison County #2 is not buying now, but will in the future.

Middlefork Water Company held their first quarterly meeting with Grant City and Stanberry. The meeting was about what Middlefork is planning to do about additional water and water treatment. There were issues with magnesium and water line problems, but they are making an effort to keep the community informed.

Zac Johnson reported the City of Gallatin drilled a new well.

Bev Maltsberger presented a summary of the water board trainings held in February and March. A six month evaluation will also be conducted with those who participated. A total of 72 completed all three sessions.

Interactive Presentation – Bill Jarocki-Boise State University

Bill Jarocki was present to interactively work with the WP committee on objectives. Bill was here in April and since that time Meghan Hemenway has been hired to work from the Kansas City Regional Satellite Office. Also in attendance was Bob Dunlevy. Meghan will be the person working with the WP committee on the database for the Plan2Fund model, if the committee decides to move forward with this process. The WP committee needs to decide if they want to move forward with using the Plan2Fund. After a lengthily discussion about the Plan2Fund model, Harlan asked the committee what they would like to do. Tye Parsons stated he thought it is a great tool to use to organize thoughts and actions. The work still needs to be done upfront by the group to set goals, objectives and tasks. Mr. Jarocki and Meghan would both be happy to help facilitate the group. The engineer will need to be involved with these goals as well. The committee decided to use the Plan2Fund.

A username and password were established for the Plan2Fund:

Username: NWMWP

Password: NWMWP2008

The committee worked on goals and objectives to be placed in to the plan. The committee was asked to send their county goals and objectives to Meghan for her to place on the plan. Meghan's email is meghanhemenway@boisestate.edu.

It was suggested to use the PAS goals and tasks in the plan. Jerri will send the WP email list to Meghan.

Bill and Meghan will continue working on the new database and have it organized and review at the next meeting. Each committee member has an assignment to get their county goals to Meghan by emailing them to her.

Next Meeting Dates

The July meeting is canceled. The next WP meeting is set for Tuesday, August 12 from 10-12pm. Location will be determined.

The meeting was adjourned 1:50 pm.