

Water Partnership Meeting
August 8, 2006
10:00 am
Board Room – Student Union

Harlan Higginbotham opened the meeting at 10:20 am. Introductions were made by all 36 who were in attendance. Special guest was Mike Wells with the Department of Natural Resources.

The minutes from the July 11 meeting were tabled.

Presentations from four water suppliers were given. Mike Gray, Operations Manager with American Water in St. Joseph stated that they have a new facility in St. Joseph. They currently have 7 mg/per day available now to sale. They serve Buchanan County #1, Andrew County 1 & 2, DeKalb County #1, City of Elwood, KS which also serves Wathena, City of St. Joseph, and Buchanan County #2 down to Platte County line.

The second presenter was DJ Gehrt with the City of Plattsburg and Smithville. Their water source is surface water drawn from Smithville Lake. Currently serve Clinton County #1, Consolidated #4, Caldwell #3 to the Lexington County Line, and City of Edgerton. The plant is located in Trimble. It was established in 1932 and built a new plant in 1982. The wholesale rate is \$2.57. Pump 10.5 mgd from Smithville Lake.

The third presenter was Tony Stoncypher from the City of Bethany. Their water source is from the lake. Currently have one small clearwell for storage, and need more. They only serve Bethany, but have supplied to Harrison County for emergencies. The rate is \$4.21/1000.

The last presenter was Phil Lammers from the City of Cameron. Their water source is surface water. They have approximately 2800-2900 meters in Cameron, 1,286 in Clinton County, serving around 12,000 people.

Lunch was served.

Breck Summerford with the Department of Natural Resources spoke about questionnaire that was sent out. (The questionnaire was distributed). The engineering group met for the first time to review the 18 questions on the survey and changed a few of them. (Breck will email the questionnaire to Jerri Dearthmont). The engineering group consisted of Brock Pfof, Bob Stiens, Andy Macias, Bruce Hattig, Breck Summerford and Dave Williams. This group will meet again in a few weeks to continue the discussion on alternatives. Dave Williams sent out 85 questionnaires and have received 28 and the deadline is August 11 to receive them back. Dave Williams was absent due to training in Warsaw. Breck will get with Dave and talk more about the questionnaire. Have received phone calls and have followed up with the calls. Letters were sent to mayors about the

questionnaire. Dave Williams called about 12 mayors back to follow up with answers received on the questionnaire.

Steve McIntosh distributed a timeline and reviewed it with the members. It was suggested to use all the engineers from all counties for the alternatives selection. For the GIS maps, all water districts will have a map of their lines. It was mentioned to use the RPC's who have GIS for mapping.

Harlan Higginbotham spoke about coordinating roles. It was mentioned to conduct conference all between partnership meetings. Harlan and Marsha Boone will do the agendas and notify members about the conference calls. Email persons who were not in attendance to keep them informed about the meetings.

Northwest Missouri State University will put out any document to all media in the areas. News releases need to be sent to notify the region about the WPT. Marsha Boone stated she is fine with doing the news releases, but would like the WPT approval before sending them out. Harlan asked Nancy Thomson to assist and Nancy said she would assist. Need to list each team member from their county in the news release. Parking permits were mailed out to members who requested them.

A new meeting space was discussed. Several locations were mentioned such as the Station and Navy Room under the stadium. The Station will have no parking and is limited at the stadium. Nancy Baxter will be contacted about a location.

All addresses, phone numbers and emails were confirmed.

Future presentations were discussed. Some suggestions included Kyra Mills with the Atchison County Wholesale Water Commission, Janice Hatcher with Savannah, Greg Decker with the City of Maryville and Bob Ross with the Northwest Missouri Wholesale Water. A possibility of touring the plants in the future was suggested.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2006. Location will be determined.

Meeting adjourned.