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**Maine WasteWater Control Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2007
10:00am
Senator Inn & Spa, Augusta, ME**

Present: Andy Rudzinski, Tom Wiley, Chuck Applebee, Vivian Matkivich, Greg Cataldo, Dan Bisson, Brian Kavanah, Howard Carter, Steve Lane, Jeff McBurnie, Andre Brousseau, Brad Moore, Mary Waring, Gil St. Pierre, Margaret Langhill, Joan Kiszely.
Guests: Phyllis Rand

1. Call to Order: 1st Vice President Chuck Applebee called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes-January 19, 2007: Jeff McBurnie made a motion to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of January 19, 2007, seconded by Dan Bisson. All approved.
3. Treasurer's Report-Financial Reports December 2006: Dan Bisson reported that the membership dues revenue for 2007 that had been on the 2006 report has been corrected. Vivian Matkivich made a motion to accept the December 2006 Financial Report as presented, seconded by Jeff McBurnie. General discussion about doing the year-end transfer to balance the 2006 budget. Vivian Matkivich amended her motion to accept the 2006 Financial Report once the general fund transfer of \$8395.37 is completed, seconded by Jeff McBurnie. All approved.
4. DEP Representative Report: Brian Kavanah noted that he thought that the legislative breakfast this morning was a success, and thanked the Executive Committee for his invitation to participate. Brian reported on staffing changes and employment vacancies at the DEP. He also reported on upcoming and in process rulemakings. He reported that the SRF rule was posted for public comment last month and reminded MWWCA that if they have any comments to submit, to be sure to get them in within the week. The pretreatment rule is still in the developing stages, and the nutrient criteria for phosphorus rule will be starting with a stakeholders group within the next couple of months. There was a general discussion about MWWCA participating in this to weigh in, and Vivian Matkivich and Andre Brousseau both noted they would be interested in participating. Brian reported that the DEP will be testifying on LD58, and gave a brief overview of the other LDs the DEP would be testifying on. He noted that a stakeholder group would be forming to redo the current NPDES fee system. He added that there would be a formal written proposal to the stakeholder group on arsenic coming out. Malcolm Burson would like to come to the next meeting to discuss regional greenhouse gas initiative and the potential for carbon reduction and credits at wastewater facilities that have implemented energy reduction projects. Public hearing scheduled for Gulf Island Pond during the first and second week of May. LD to eliminate the use of mercury dental amalgam. It would also require the DEP to develop rules for dental facilities. They will be doing some inspections at dental facilities to ensure that their amalgam separators are being properly used.
5. Legislative Update: General discussion about the Legislative Breakfast this morning. There was a decision to send out a thank you card to those who attended. Margaret Langhill will work on having a card drafted with the three logos and pre-printed text. General discussion on the billing for the Legislative Breakfast. Discussion on possible take away items for next year. Andy Rudzinski noted that he would like to have a follow up meeting to discuss the success and opportunities from this event.
6. NEWEA State Director: Brad Moore thanked Howard Carter and Greg Cataldo for bringing him up to speed on his duties. He noted that they are finalizing the trip to Washington DC.
7. Correspondence: There was no correspondence.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Past President: Andy Rudzinski had no report.

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- b. 2nd Vice President: Tom Wiley reported that he staffed the MWWCA booth last week at the MWUA trade show.
- c. Conference Committee: Howard Carter noted that a flyer went out to membership reminding them about the Spring and Fall Conferences. General discussion about the Fall Conference. General Discussion about the Golf Tournament.
- d. Collections Systems: Steve Sloan was absent but submitted the following information: The Wastewater Systems Group staff meeting is scheduled for Tuesday. I will not be able to attend the MWWCA meeting. The Collections Systems Committee will be meeting again in late February. They have scheduled a collection system O&M class in conjunction with Wright-Pierce during January that was well attended; the voluntary exam was offered on day 3. Steve will be the moderator for a pipe lining class on Wednesday, February 14th that is being sponsored by JETCC. With all the shows now behind us at NEWEA & MWUA, Steve will be able to devote more time to the Collections systems Committee.
- e. Laboratory Committee: Karen Tangeman and June Mooney were absent and did not submit a written report.
- f. Personnel Advancement Committee: Greg Cataldo reported that a call to members for topics for spring conference went out and gave a review of the topics being proposed, and the topics confirmed. Committee meeting on February 15th via teleconference. General discussion on topics for the conferences.
- g. JETCC: Gil St. Pierre passed out the forms for the JETCC Founders Award to be presented at the MWWCA Fall Convention. He reported that the MWWCA meeting on May 18th coincides with the water festival. Gil reported that he attended the last JETCC board meeting in Wells and gave a report on the financial status of the North Country Convention. Gil noted that he may not be seeking reappointment when his term ends in May. There was a general discussion about the cost of running conferences. There was a brief discussion about Senator Martin's bill that would bring more funding to JETCC. The next JETCC meeting will be the Host Board Meeting in Augusta on May 10, 2007.
- h. Ops Challenge Coordinator Report: Andre Brousseau met with NEWEA at the Ops Challenge. Discussion about the teams competing at this year's Ops Challenge.
- i. Membership Committee: Travis Peaslee was absent and did not submit a written report.
- j. Safety Committee: Al Jellison was absent and did not submit a written report.
- k. Public Relations Committee: Ryan Wadsworth was absent and did not submit a written report.
- l. Government Affairs Committee: Andy Rudzinski read the written report prepared by Chuck Applebee. He noted that David Anderson, Jeff McNelly and Dana Lee are meeting with legislative leadership this morning. There was a clarification about the DEP holding of all licenses with the new arsenic limits. General discussion about the SRF fund. Andy added that he would be tracking LD 437 with regard to oil spill reporting. Brian Kavanah noted that Sterling Pierce is looking into LD as well. Review of all LDs of interest to the MWWCA. Vivian Matkivich noted that she would be testifying at a public hearing today with regard to LD 352.
- m. Pretreatment Committee: Mike Micucci was absent and did not submit a written report.
- n. Awards Committee: Mary Waring noted that the only award being presented at the Spring Conference is the Past President Award. The NEWEA and EPA awards will be re-presented. If anyone has any special awards they want presented, let Mary know by the March meeting.
- o. Communications Committee: Mac Richardson was absent and did not submit a written report.
- o. Residuals Management Committee: Jeff McBurnie reported that the Residuals Management Committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting. He noted that he received a call from Jamie Ecker. With regard to the The Brunswick Ordinance Issue, the Town Council has declared a moratorium on class A biosolids based on the fact that this new rule is not in the best interest of the citizens of the Brunswick community or Maine because it detracts from the community's solid waste policy and it contradicts 1310u. New England Organics, LAWPCA and Bruce Nicholson as a private taxpayer have officially entered this issue as interveners. MWWCA is being asked to be an official intervener as well. General discussion about the role of an intervener and the financial obligation required. Tom Wiley made a motion to become an intervener with a donation not to exceed \$500, seconded by Greg Cataldo. Discussion that an intervener takes a side. In this case, the Town of Brunswick is suing the Katahdin Center for a declaratory judgment to see if this ordinance is in violation with 1310u. All approved.
- p. Website: Steve Lane noted that everything is up-to-date with the MWWCA website, and if anyone has any suggestions for new content, please let him know. Brief discussion about job postings.

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- q. NEWEA-Phyllis Rand congratulated MWWCA and MWUA for the successful Legislative Breakfast this morning. She reported that there will be a Water for People fundraiser on March 22, World Water Day. She added that NEWEA is having a planning session/retreat in April and they are also working with the New England Chapter of American Public Works Association to try to do some joint ventures and events.

9. Old Business:
 - a. Administrative Guide-general discussion.

10. New Business:
 - a. Brunswick Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee: Any notices or briefs should be sent directly to Dave Anderson at PWD.
 - b. JETCC Budget Amount: JETCC should submit a proposal for the \$500 allocation for 2007.
 - c. March Meeting: A reminder that J. Otis Sproul is coming to the March meeting. Brief discussion about March meeting events.

11. Adjourn: Dan Bisson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:54am, seconded by Andy Rudzinski. All approved.