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**MWWCA Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, February 23, 2010  
Senator Inn (following the legislative breakfast)  
Augusta, ME**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** André Brousseau, Tom Wiley, Travis Peaslee, David Anderson, Mary Waring, Al Jellison, Aubrey Strause, Paul Rodriguez, Mac Richardson, June Mooney, Mike Grove, Dan Bisson, Andrew Gilmore, Joan Kiszely.

**Absent:** Chris Higgins, Alex Buechner, Doug Howard, Steve Lane, Ryan Wadsworth, John Leslie, Dan Welch, Greg Kidd, Jeff McBurnie.

**Call to Order:** President André Brousseau called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**Correspondence Folder:** President André Brousseau passed the correspondence folder. He reviewed some of the letters and correspondence in the folder.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Mac Richardson, to accept the minutes of January 22, 2010, seconded by Al Jellison. All approved with minor revisions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Bisson reported on the December financials. He noted everything is in order with the exception of some issues he emailed MMA to straighten out and get back to him. Mary Waring made a motion to approve the financial reports. Tom Wiley seconded the motion. All approved.

**2010 Budget Development:** Motion made by Al Jellison, seconded by Mary Waring, all approved to transfer \$6,723.92 from the General Fund as appropriated under account 49002 to balance the budget and thus close out the 2009 financial year. Discussed that this transfer is roughly 1/3 of the general fund transfer anticipated in the budget. It was noted that this year has been very difficult with the process and procedures with MMA. Check requests are not being processed and are getting lost. They would like Joan Kiszely to meet with her team and streamline the process and procedures, so they have the quality of work that they have had in the past.

**DEP Representative:** André Brousseau reported on the following:

- No Stimulus fund (ARRA re-allocation) left – not going to happen.
- Projects were ranked and anyone can go on DEP website and see how the needs were ranked at least.
- Federal Jobs Bill – no more money for wastewater is included in the current bill.
- Phosphorous Rule: There will be a Public Hearing on Chapter 583 coming up Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in front of the Board of Environmental Protection.

**Bureau of Remediation & Solid Waste:** Ann Pistell was unable to attend. We will try to reschedule her participation at a future meeting. This will allow us to discuss the pharmaceutical return bill.

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**NEWEA State Director:** Mike Grove reported on the following:

- Washington D. C. Trip – There are seven going. He reported that he is preparing papers to take with him to put in a packet. He will work with Jaime to put together a brochure and position paper.
- Reported he is confirming a guest speaker for the Spring NEWEA Conference.
- Mike discussed an email from EPA – Brian Packard. EPA is offering a free one-year subscription to Water ISAC which is an infrastructure security web site and e-mail service. If interested in receiving this, please contact the EPA website directly.

## Old Business:

- Critique of MWUA Joint Conference: André Brousseau thanked Travis Peaslee for putting together the five sessions. Mac Richardson noted he heard positive feedback. Jeff McNelly sent thank you notes to André Brousseau and Travis Peaslee.

## Committee Reports:

**Government Affairs:** David Anderson and Andrew Gilmore reported on the following:

- LD 1716 – This Bill changes the status of rules adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection relating to the agronomic utilization of sludge. Those rules are currently “major substantive” rules, ultimately requiring legislative approval before final adoption. This Bill gives those rules a “routine technical” status, so that legislative approval is not a necessary step in the approval process. Not a lot happened at the hearing they had. Mary Waring will check with Jeff McBurnie (who attended the hearing) about this Bill.
- LD 650: An Act to Create a Funding Structure for Sustainable Investment in Public Water and Wastewater Infrastructure in the State.

Andrew Gilmore noted this is no longer a LD; it is a law. They coordinated a joint session with 26 Legislators to speak at this. The significant on this report has a lot of impacts. They want a bond to come out of this for \$21 million. If the November bond was to pass, they would have two years of funding with SRF to match. Associated General Contractors of Maine is working on this bond also. Andrew Gilmore reported on the different groups that are interested in bonds. This could possibly include money for culverts and culvert replacement, and overboard dischargers.

- June Bond – Wastewater infrastructure is to be included in a funding bond scheduled for this upcoming June. There is also discussion with Legislative leaders about an additional bond being added. We have a place holder in this additional bond. It could become one large bond. Both types of bonds (a stand-alone bond for wastewater only or a bundled bond) have their benefits and concerns.

**Laboratory:** June Mooney reported: [Email her for her report](#). There will be a training session on infrared testing for FOG at the Spring Conference.

**Convention:** Travis Peaslee reported on the following:

- Finalizing sessions for the spring conference
- Working with Joan on finalizing the agenda
- Ski Day: March 10th

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**Safety:** Al Jellison – no report.

**Communications:** Mac Richardson reported that the MWWCA newsletter is published and out. He noted he got good contributions on this issue. Aubrey Strause volunteered to be the assistant editor. The next deadline is May. He will need articles by the second week of April.

**Pretreatment:** Tom Wiley – no report.

**Awards:** Mary Waring noted that she needs to know by the March Executive Committee Meeting if there will be any awards given other than the Past President's award. Doug Howard wanted to know if there is any funding for the Charles Perry Award. It was noted that there is no funding. The funding went back to the Freeport Library. Mary also asked about the Pretreatment Excellence Award. Tom noted that this was a fall award, but that he would bring the information back to the committee.

**JETCC Representative:** Leeann Hanson reported on the following:

- Founders Award – We need to help get the word out for this prestigious award. Leeann has only seen a few nominations each time
- JETCC Board meeting on Friday
- Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup> is the Fifth day of Management class – Drinking Water Operators have expressed interest in running this type of class. Right now it is a Wastewater program. The participants are enjoying this class. Leeann Hanson thanked MWWCA for its contribution.
- VFD Class: She will be attending later in the day. This class is at the Civic Center
- Energy Efficiency Class still has openings.
- Interim appointments were made in previous years for Darold Wooley and Dana Peck. They need to be appointed to full-time positions. There was general discussion about reappointing these folks to take over the upcoming terms full time. We will discuss these appointments later in the meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report:** Paul Rodriguez reported on the SRF funding. He noted the report is a broad based grant program. The question is how the money is disbursed?

**Immediate Past President Report:** Tom Wiley. He noted that Paul Rodriguez did a good job this morning moderating the questions and answers session.

**Other New Business:**

- JETCC Rep. Potential Replacement for John Hart: Tim Levasseur was discussed as a potential replacement. André spoke with him directly this morning and he appreciated the nomination but declined.
- Open House Brochure web site info: André Brousseau noted this has been finalized. He sent Steve Lane some information about a blog going to people who document their successes. Maybe a listing on when different facilities are hosting an open house.

**Adjournment:** Mac Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Al Jellison seconded the motion. All approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.