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MWWCA Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, May 16, 2008  
MMA, Augusta

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Chuck Applebee, David Anderson, Jeff McBurnie, Brian Kavanaugh, Steve McLaughlin, Ryan Wadsworth, Paul Rodriguez, Andre Brousseau, Dan Bisson, Tom Wiley, Brad Moore, Lenny Blanchette, Mary Waring.

**Call to Order:** President Chuck Applebee called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

**Government Affairs Report:**

Dave Anderson reported on activities:

LD 2169: SRF Bill issue. Passed. Representative Flood, Senator Bartlett and Senator Martin were instrumental in pulling this through. The final vote was 33-0 in the Senate 125-8 in the House. Steve McLaughlin congratulated MWWCA team for all the work in pulling out LD 2169.

LD 1983: Concerned it would limit truck weight to 50,000 lbs. Concerned about hauling to landfill would increase traffic. Bill is dead.

LD 2235: Wastewater Licensing Fees. It passed. Bill will go into effect June 30.

LD 2284: Regulation of Agriculture Composting Operations: Bill would have transferred regulation to Department of Agriculture. There was a court hearing yesterday.

Sewage right to know act. Would require a notification every time a discharge occurred. Paul Rodriguez reported that we will continue to track this.

Set a meeting date for the next government affairs committee. Agenda will discuss tax on wipes, endocrine disruptions and regulating pharmaceutical wastes and road opening permits.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jeffrey McBurnie made a motion to accept the minutes of March 21, 2008, seconded by Mary Waring. A few edits were mentioned. All approved with minor revisions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Bisson reported that the financials for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter January, February and March 2008 have been reviewed and are in order. There were a few items to be coordinated with MMA and will be addressed in the subsequent financial report. Dan reported that based on reviews all the paper work is in order and recommends the financials be approved. Jeffrey McBurnie made a motion to accept the January, February and March financial reports, seconded by Andre Brousseau.

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He reported on the Audit Process. Three proposals were received and will be opened following the meeting. The Audit subcommittee will meet to review and make a recommendation for award. MWWCA has \$5,000 in the budget to do this audit.

**DEP Representative Report:**

Brian Kavanaugh thanked everyone for offering support for the north country during the April flooding.

Brian discussed and provided copies of several reports for the correspondence files. Includes CSO report by John True, Status of Licensed Discharges and CSO Program, Facts Sheet. Reports are available online.

DEP is working on the nitrogen study in the Casco Bay area. Samples are being taken at the larger POTWs and HETL lab is analyzing. There have been stakeholder's meetings and a report will be issued in the next month or so.

CLF has filed a petition with the EPA on residual designation authority for stormwater discharge. If existing developments with stormwater are causing watersheds to be impaired, they should be licensed.

Stormwater program issued three permits out for comment MS4 DOT, State and Federal facilities. June 9 comments will be received.

Septage in South Berwick. End result of those discussions. DEP will modify the septage rule. Current regulation limits permit of up to 1 percent of licensed flow. DEP is ok with allowing greater than 1percent. DEP is asking for a volunteer from MWWCA to assist with working group to review the issue and recommend modifications to the rules. Jeff McBurnie and Andre Brousseau volunteered.

**NEWEA State Director:**

Brad Moore reported that there are several nominees for the Operator of the Year and Peloquin Award. Brad will send out an email to the executive committee for additional nominations and then will follow up with a ballot for selection.

Brad indicated that there were two people interested in participating in the Operator Exchange. Brad will send out additional information.

SJWP – One participant from Maine was selected to represent NEWEA.

Washington trip was very successful. Brad and the group met with Senator Snowe's and Collins aides and met directly with Representatives Allen and Michaud. They discussed funding as the primary concern.

Committee Reports:

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- ❖ Laboratory Committee – Karen Tangeman & June Mooney – Absent
- ❖ Second Vice President – Andre Brousseau discussed the Kids Day America that will be held tomorrow in Saco. Andre has a conflict and can't attend the event but suggested that we keep it on the radar screen. Andre discussed the Life Membership and need to revise the bylaws. He has been in contact with NEWEA to review their requirements. Andre will meet with Mary, Tom and Al to review and make a recommendation.
- ❖ Personnel Advancement - Ryan Wadsworth reported on the Clean Water Week Poster presentation. Ryan will have the posters framed.
- ❖ Residuals Committee – Jeff McBurnie reported that he sent letters to the Congressional Delegation to continue funding for the National Biosolids Partnership. Several responded.
- ❖ Awards – Mary Waring indicated she will get out the requests for nominations. She is looking for assistance on the committee.
- ❖ First Vice President – Tom Wiley commented on the success of the Washington briefing.
- ❖ JETCC – Lenny Blanchette reported that they are still looking for a nomination for the MWWCA representative to the JETCC board. Chuck Applebee indicated that Darold Wooley would represent. Tom Wiley made a motion to Appoint Darold and Mary Waring seconded. Board meeting is scheduled on June 5 9AM at the State Fire Marshall's office 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, the agenda is to select training topics and locations for future classes.
  
- ❖ Web Developer – Steve Lane absent.
  
- ❖ Pretreatment Committee – Mike Micucci absent.

### New Business

- ❖ Operators Exchange Coordinator – Brad indicated he would like to do things a little differently this year. He is requesting that the Operators Exchange Coordinator would accompany the operator from Massachusetts to several tours. Brad will contact Greg Kidd if there is a volunteer from his committee. Chuck indicated he had a volunteer from Gardiner that is interested is helping out with this.

Adjournment: Motion made by Dan Bisson, seconded by Brad Moore, all approved to adjourn at 11:30 p.m.