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**MWWCA Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, May 15, 2009  
MMA, Augusta**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Tom Wiley, André Brousseau, Chuck Applebee, Dan Bisson, David Anderson, Chris Higgins, Brian Kavanah, Brad Moore (via teleconference), Mac Richardson, Paul Rodriquez, Leonard Blanchette, Travis Peaslee, Doug Howard, Al Jellison, Alex Buechner, Chuck Applebee, Joan Kiszely.

**Absent:** Greg Kidd, June Mooney, Mary Waring, Jeff McBurnie, Karen Tangeman, Michael Micucci, and Steve Lane.

**Guest:** Mike Grove, Andrew Fisk, Ed Laflamme, Andrew Gilmore.

**Call to Order:** President Tom Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Mac Richardson to accept the minutes of March 20, 2009, seconded by André Brousseau. All approved with revisions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Bisson reported that everything is in order on the February and March financials. Motion made by Mac Richardson, seconded by Al Jellison, all approved the February and March financial reports. Tom Wiley noted that all accounts have been transferred to Bangor Savings Bank. Motion made by Mac Richardson, seconded by Al Jellison, all approved to allow MMA to transfer their funds from Key Bank to Bangor Savings. Dan Bisson noted they just filed the proxy tax of \$5,000. May 15 was the deadline.

Andrew Fisk reported on the following:

- Update on the budget and DMR.
- LD 1399 – The issue is in front of the legislators. How are the shell fish managed by the state of Maine? The FDA has spoken to the Legislature and said if Dept. of Marine Resources does not have 2 or 3 additional positions, the FDA will pull permission to ship shell fish out of state. The issue is that there is not enough staff to monitor the shell fish industry. This means a 60 million dollar industry would go to 30 million dollars. Legislation was introduced to find funding for additional staffing for DMR. Early on, some legislators said they want the administration to address this issue. A group got together and discussed this issue. The administration charged DMR and DEP to address this issue. They did get together and put together LD 1399. It was noted the entire experience has been unique. Andrew Fisk took the lead on drafting the Bill. It had a lot of broad based fees. Septic surcharges and CSO surcharges were brought forward. At the public hearing, MWWCA took a position neither for nor against. Their testimony was they can go down the route of the \$2.00 rate pay surcharge provided that the Bill funds the DMR position and funding infrastructure. He noted that \$625,000 would be the funds from this Bill. The Bill was amended to include overboard discharge (OBD) surcharge, septic surcharge, and CSO surcharge. The funds would be split with half funding the 3 DMR positions and the other half to DEP for infrastructure needs. They put in for a revenue bond. The MWWCA stated they could live with a revenue bond. Natural Resources and Marine Resources worked through this. Natural Resources and Marine

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Resources wanted to put this into the budget because the whole State contributes to the entire issue. The Appropriations Committee took this on within 10 minutes. The bottom line from Appropriations was that the revenue bond was not supported. Andy Fisk said that MWWCA could live with this. The \$2.00 surcharge was not liked either. Andrew Fisk had to come up with other options. So from the Department's perspective he gave information on what would be feasible. How do you find \$300,000 for three positions? They came up with a solution to get the money from submerged land fees. They increased the septic surcharge. The Committee came up with how to allocate monies through the OBD surcharge, septic surcharge, and CSO surcharge.

Andrew reported that MWWCA noted they want a study to identify sources. When the study is finalized, fees can be revisited. A potential problem is the \$80,000 from submerged land stops in two years. Will they go after OBD surcharge, septic surcharge, and CSO surcharge for funding again?

The study would cover source identification. Andrew Gilmore noted that the hope is that when the next legislation begins again, they will have the source identification study done. The study piece is really important but will be limited in scope because of no funding for it.

Ed Laflamme asked how we protect the surcharge from going up. This is a concern that we have with all surcharges being increased. Mac Richardson noted that we need an article on this in the newsletter. There was a brief discussion on negative feedback that Senator Trahan received. Ed Laflamme noted he is angry at the Senator, because he was not notified of the hearing and had posted some signs.

He noted that he participated in on a conference call professionally. Andrew Gilmore noted he would do up a summary on this for the web site and newspaper. Tom Wiley thanked Andrew Fisk and Ed Laflamme for attending the meeting today and giving their updates.

### **DEP Representative:**

Brian's Update:

- He reviewed what he put in the correspondence packet for everyone to look at.
- Two rule makings.
- SRF Rule: Going to Board for final adoption.
- There was a brief discussion on the Drinking Water Week promotion in State newspapers and whether a similar promotion could be done for Clean Water Week.

**NEWEA State Director:** Brad Moore reported on the following:

- Visit to Washington D.C. – He asked the Board to look at Mike Grove's memo on the summary about what they accomplished.
- Clean Water Act: Need to take a look at the overall impact on the environment. If we can get a group together and agree, Senator Snowe would consider sponsoring legislation. This could have a positive impact on the community. The Government Affairs Committee needs to talk about this first. The Natural Resources Defense Council of Maine and similar groups also need to be talked to. They need a broad coalition and many folks onboard with this approach.

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- Jr. Stockholm Contest – A girl from Bangor High school won! Brad Moore will go to the school and present the award. He appreciates Ryan Wadsworth work on this.
- Awards: They are looking at a number of awards. They are looking to present the WEF Quarter Century Operator Award, which recognizes 25 years of service to the industry. The other awards are the Operator of the Year and the Pelouin Award. They are looking for nominees for these awards. He needs the nominations sometime in June.

## **BREAK**

### **Old Business:**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Government Affairs:** David Anderson and Andrew Gilmore reported:

Chuck Applebee and Andrew Gilmore reported on LD 650 and distributed a report on LD 650. David Anderson reported on bond issues, LD 229, LD 646 and LD 821. He distributed a Government Affairs Committee report on these LD's.

**Laboratory:** June Mooney absent.

**Membership:** Chris Higgins reported that he has drafted a survey. He would like to email it out to the Executive Committee and get some input. He will have it for the next meeting, and have it go out in July and August.

Joan Kiszely gave an update on dues renewals for 2010 and the outcome of her meeting with MIS on the new system.

**Personnel Advancement:** Gregory Kidd absent. Travis Peaslee reported there were 127 registered for Spring Conference, and there was good input on evaluations. He doesn't have the financials final, but believes we will profit about \$3,000 to \$4,000.

**Convention:** Travis Peaslee reported he is starting to pull technical sessions together for the Fall Convention. He noted he was at Sunday River to finalize some things. He reported that MWUA met with him, André, Dan and Joan to discuss a joint conference. The next meeting will be in June. They are looking at a March 2010 joint conference. We would eliminate our Spring Conference. It seems like a win-win for both groups.

**Public Relations:** Ryan Wadsworth absent.

**Safety:** Al Jellison reported that they met with outside vendors and explained NFPA 70E regarding the latest electrical concerns. It was noted that maybe this would be a good technical session for the Fall Convention.

**Communications:** Mac Richardson reported he is working with Jaime at MMA on the next newsletter. He gave an update of articles that are going in the newsletter. His goal is to have the newsletter go out as soon as possible. They would like MMA to email those that have email, and mail out to those who do not have email and post the newsletter on the website.

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**Collection Systems:** Doug Howard reported that they are meeting in two weeks. He will be assisting on some technical sessions for the Fall Convention.

**Residuals Management:** Jeff McBurnie absent.

**Operations Challenge:** Alex Buechner reported that there is the NEWEA competition in three weeks.

**Pretreatment:** Mike Micucci – absent.

**Awards:** Mary Waring absent.

**JETCC Representative:** Leonard Blanchette thanked MWWCA for their contribution for 2009. The JETCC Committee is nearly fully staffed now. He thanked Tom Wiley for attending the North Country Convention. Leeann Hanson is looking at the budget at this time. Tom Wiley noted that the North Country show was very good. Brief discussion on a boot camp style training for new operators.

**WEB Developer:** Steve Lane absent.

**MMA Representative:** Joan Kiszely – no report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report:** André Brousseau thanked the Government Affairs Committee for all their hard work. He thanked the entire Board for being on top of everything. He praised the Operations Challenge Team.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report:** Paul Rodriguez reported and thanked everyone for the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. He noted that if Woodard & Curran could offer any assistance with the tech session at the Fall Convention, please feel free to contact him.

**Immediate Past President Report:** Chuck Applebee – no report.

### **New Business:**

Planning Session: Motion made by Al Jellison, seconded by Mac Richardson, all approved the April 2, 2009 planning session minutes.

MMA Meeting Room: Tom Wiley reported that because of construction at MMA they cannot use the Board room here beginning in July. He noted possible sites for the following:

July	Boothbay Harbor, Spruce Point
August	Al Jellison – Host meeting
October	
November	
December	

He would like recommendations at the next meeting for October and November.

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Resolve Group: Chuck Applebee reported on the Resolve Group. To finish up the legislation, they will be paying Maine Tomorrow an additional \$2,500. The money is already in the budget. He wanted to just keep the Board updated.

NEWEA State Director: Tom Wiley reported that Mike Grove has expressed an interest in being the next NEWEA State Director. Tom noted they will move forward with this.

NEWEA Conference: Dan Bisson reported the NEWEA Spring Conference is June 7 to June 10 in Providence, Rhode Island. There will be ride sharing opportunity for this Conference if interested.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Al Jellison, seconded by Mac Richardson, all approved to adjourn at noon.