MINUTES

Attendance: Paula Drouin, Leeann Hanson, Phil Tucker, Bryanna Denis, Tim Haskell, Stacy Thompson, Greg Wood, Max Kenney, Scott Firmin, Zach Henderson, Dan Welch, and MMA – Melissa White and Cyndi Fortier.

Absent: Gretchen Anderson, Alex Buechner, Tom Connolly, Mo Dube, Kevin Eaton, Mike Guethle, Jeff McBurnie, Rob Pontau, Andy Wendell.

Guests: Andre Brousseau, Travis Peaslee, Theresa Tucker (transitioning into Pretreatment committee chair)

Call to Order: President Stacy Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Correspondence Folder: Stacy Thompson listed the multiple documents included in the Correspondence folder:

Minutes: Motion made by Phil Tucker, seconded by Paula Drouin, all approved the February & May minutes, Scott Firmin abstained.

Treasurer’s Report: January, February, March & April financials. Jeff McBurnie was absent, Stacy indicated that everything was in order. Motion made by Tim Haskell, seconded by Paula Drouin, all approved the January, February, March & April financials.

DEP Representative: Greg Wood is the new DEP Representative beginning at the end of June. Greg has been working closely with Brian and they expect a seamless transition. He briefly discussed some of the issues that concern MeWEA.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 6/21/19

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: State Director (liaison to NEWEA)

NAME: Jeff McBurnie

RECENT ACTIVITIES: NEWEA Spring Meeting, 6/2-5, New Castle, NH (Meetings: Executive Committee, 6/2; Government Affairs Committee, 6/3 & 4; Awards Committee, 6/4; Affiliated State Associations, 6/4)

DECISIONS MADE:

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: See Recent Activities above

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: Working with Chris Robinson (VT State Director) to organize 2019 Operator Exchange.

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: NEWEA Awards Committee Conference Call, 6/27; NEWEA Exec. Committee Mtg., 9/2019; Operator Exchange with VT – need to identify MEWEA rep; next MEWEA EC meeting, 8/16/19?

RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: Nominees for WEF’s awards have been selected and forwarded to the NEWEA Awards Committee. NEWEA is also strongly encouraging members to enroll or be recommended for acceptance in their Quarter Century Operators Club (25 years in the industry, at least 5 as a WEF/NEWEA members) and I have received no nominees to date. There are several other awards for which MEWEA members may be eligible and worthy of nomination; check the NEWEA website for more information.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Jeff McBurnie

DATE SUBMITTED: 6/14/19

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Committee Reports:

Government Affairs Committee Representative: Tim Haskell reported on the following:

- Tim reported that Scott and himself recently participated in a meeting regarding PFAS, which was discussed in other business.
- He briefly reported that LD 347 did pass and would take into effect in November, however funding will not be available until 2024.
- Tim would like to begin to work on the Legislative breakfast theme and presenter. Melissa White will check dates with the facility, beginning with February 27th and March 5th.
- Scott Firmin reported that he will be serving as NEWEA’s Government Affairs Chair.
Membership Committee Representative: Rob Pontau was absent

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: June 21, 2019
COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Lab Committee
CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Andy Wendell

RECENT ACTIVITIES: Reached out to lab committee list for recommendations for fall convention topics. Very little response was received, so I will follow up with Judy Bruenjes and maybe others to look for suggestions and support. The nomination request for this year’s David Anderson Award was just sent out. And information regarding the Lab Safety Boot Camp in July was also distributed.

DECISIONS MADE: None

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: None.

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: None

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS:

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• Stacy reported membership rates are modified slightly this year (slight increase for some, but free student membership instead of $15). By-Law changes regarding the elimination of the Benefactor membership level were sent to membership to review.
Pretreatment Committee Representative: Dan Welch submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 6/21/19

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Pretreatment Committee

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Dan Welch

We discussed the following:
Brewery Septic System – Hauling of BOD laden wastewater/solids from breweries. The Committee should keep an eye on brewery septic system hauling issues at POTWs. Potential for BOD slugs.
Brewery FACT Sheets – See Action Plan below.
Industrial Survey Training at the Fall Convention – See Decisions Made below.
Awards for the Fall Convention – Discussed the application process on the Awards page.
Committee Chair, 2020 or sooner – Theresa Tucker, Sanford, volunteered.
PFAS, Sludge Analytical, Industries – What industries are in Maine that are potential sources? Electroplating industries using fume suppressants, such as Furmetrol 140.
Dental Amalgam Update
Attendees:
Dan Welch (General Dynamics), Jim Crowley (MeDEP), Wade Duplisea (Bangor), Rebekah Sirois (PWD), Yarissa Ortiz-Vidal (Rockland), Ted Danforth (TSD Environomics), Judy Bruenjes (MeDEP), Andre Brousseau (Sanford), Theresa Tucker (Sanford)

DECISIONS MADE: Theresa Tucker, Sanford Sewerage District, has volunteered to take over the Committee Chair position. The committee feels that an Industrial Waste Survey training class at the Fall Convention will be difficult since every community is different in their industrial/commercial loads and resource capabilities. The Committee feels that it would better serve the membership by consulting individually.

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: 6/6/19 Quarterly Meeting

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: Final editing to Fact Sheets: Rebekah Sirois-Septic/Sanitary Sewer, Judy Bruenjes-Wastewater Composition, Theresa Tucker-Wastewater MGT & Improvements, Yarissa Ortiz-Vidal-Chemicals & Cleaning in Brewing Operations. Dan Welch to develop a document for POTW’s before the end of July.
Leeann asked Dan if he would like to collaborate on a training day regarding Breweries discharge. Dan was in agreement and will add this to the agenda for the next Pretreatment committee meeting.

Personnel Advancement Committee Representative: Scott Firmin reported on the following:

- Scott reported the committee is working on the Fall Convention tracks, there will be four tracks this year. Sessions are almost complete, Scott urged anyone with topics to send those along immediately. There will be a Spring Conference in 2020. Scott has a goal to have the session map to MMA by July 1. The session map will be a live document this year and board and committee members will be able to access that and add themselves as moderators.
- Bio forms will no longer be used.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 6/21/19

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Conventions Committee

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Phil Tucker

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

DECISIONS MADE: Point Lookout has sold but I still recommend that we keep the conference there.

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED:

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: Sunday River will not be going to construction with their new building. We were supposed to have first refusal of that facility so is this a breach of contract on their part? Would the board like me to look into other venues?

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS:

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DATE SUBMITTED: 6/11/19

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 6/21/2019
COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Public Relations
CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Paula Drouin

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- Worked with Alex B. to set up an event for the Clean Water Week Poster Contest winners. It was on 6/12 at Veteran’s Memorial park near the Great Falls in Lewiston/Auburn. It went really well (5 of the 12 finalists attended with their family and 4 visited LAWPCA for a tour). Photos available on Facebook and Flickr (link to Flickr on website main page).

- Created an order form for Water’s Worth It Shirts to be included with Fall Convention packet. I have received positive feedback and have already started receiving orders.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 3 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Androscoggin River Cleanup – Little Andy Park, New Auburn

- August 8 - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.-. Paddle After Hours – Lewiston/Auburn – Festival Plaza, Auburn

- October 23 – Imagine a Day Without Water – I am going to work with York Sewer District to grow event. (Last year we held an event in Brunswick).

OTHER/MISC.:

- Please let me know if you have ideas relevant to Public Relations!

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Paula Drouin
DATE SUBMITTED: 6/17/2019
Safety Committee Representative: Tom Connolly was absent

Communications Committee Representative: Bryanna Denis reported on the following:

- Bryanna reported the deadline for submissions is the first Friday of the month. Bryanna will be out on maternity leave in about a month. Mo Dube will be working on the August newsletter.
Collections Committee Representative: Kevin Eaton submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: June 21, 2019

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Collections System Committee

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Kevin Eaton

RECENT ACTIVITIES: 

DECISIONS MADE: 

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: Our last meeting was May 6th/ Travis Jones (YSD) Ashley Jones (Ted Berry) Chris Gallant (KSD) Dave Beauchamp (Ted Berry) Tim Wade (GAUD) Charlene Poulin (PWC) Ron Kelton (City of Portland)

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: At our next meeting we will be discussing the fall convention/cornhole tournament and classes that the committee will present at the convention. Also, we will start discussing next year's Collection System 1 day event that we are hoping to put on.

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: Our next meeting is scheduled for July 18th 11am-1pm location TBD

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS:

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Kevin Eaton
DATE SUBMITTED: June 17, 2019
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Residuals Management Committee Representative: Jeff McBurnie submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 6/21/19

COMMITTEE NAME: Residuals Management
CHAIR NAME: Jeff McBurnie

RECENT ACTIVITIES: Still working non-stop on PFAS. Governor’s PFAS Task Force has met once, mostly introductory stuff. Presented at the MWUA Bi-monthly Meeting on June 13 regarding non-Drinking Water impacts of PFAS.

DECISIONS MADE: Continuing to support the sampling and analysis program. Working to identify the financial and management impacts of the moratorium.

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: Task Force, 5/22

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Continue working with NEBRA to track and respond to legislative and regulatory activities related to PFAS and PFAS environmental standards. Supporting (financially & in-kind) NEBRA research efforts on PFAS fate and transport modeling. Task Force ‘Homework’: PFAS Priorities

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: Next PFAS Task Force meeting: 6/26/19; Next Exec. Committee Meeting, 8/16/19?

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS:

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Treatment Plant Professional Committee Report: Alex Buechner was absent

Young Professional Committee Report: Max Kenney submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: Friday, June 21, 2019
COMMITTEE/OFFICER NAME: Young Professionals
CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Max Kenney
RECENT ACTIVITIES: Held May 23rd, 2019 YP meeting at Wright Pierce in Portland. 13 attendees including representatives from Wright Pierce, Portland Water District, Ted Berry Company, Saco WRFF, FR Mahoney, Hoyle Tanner and Woodard & Curran. At the meeting did a complete overview of MEWEA as an organization and specifically the goals of the YP Committee. The meeting established a liaison between MEWEA and NEWEA YP committees to keep each other updated on events and goals.

Plans were made for upcoming events including:
After Hour Paddle Event with Androscoggin Land Trust – Thursday August 8th – Auburn Festival Plaza – 5:30 to 7:30
River Clean Up Event – Time, Location and Affiliate Organization TBD
Fall Convention – A number of YP members indicated their interest in moderating. Vendor raffle discussion, want to include vendor raffle in the packet handed out to all attendees.

Updated the YP Awards:
Young Professionals Award is now due on July 15th
Higher Education Award is now due on July 15th
University Attendee award is now due September 1st. The essay has been revised to “Explain why you are interested in attending the MEWEA Fall Convention and your interest in the water industry.” The is in an effort to make the application less intimidating to students who may be interested.

MEWEA YPs attended the NEWEA YP Service project in Dover, NH on Saturday June 1st, 2019.

DECISIONS MADE: N/A
MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: May 23rd, 2019 YP Meeting
ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: YP committee members were going to look into river clean ups with various organization to piggy back onto.

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/Deadlines: The next YP Committee meeting will be held at the Ted Berry Company (Livermore, ME) on Wednesday July 17th from 4:00-5:00. The meeting will be followed by a tour of the Ted Berry facility and equipment. A great opportunity for YPs to see the equipment and get a better understanding of how it works and operates. Happy Hour at a local restaurant to follow. PLEASE SEND YOUR YPs!

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: N/A
REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Max Kenney
DATE SUBMITTED: 06/13/2019

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 6/21/2019
COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Awards
CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Paula Drouin

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

1. NEWEA awards discussed at May EC meeting. I sent a poll out to the board/chairpersons to send their votes to Jeff.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS:

1. NEWEA awards – Any nominations for awards that need a board vote/approval must be submitted by the June 21st EC meeting. If a nominee is present and a vote must be done, it will be done electronically after the meeting via email survey. Awards given out directly by committees should be submitted by early July. For simplicity moving forward, I would like to make all awards the same due date (the June EC meeting seems to make sense).

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Paula Drouin
DATE SUBMITTED: 6/17/2019
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:  June 21, 2019
COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME:  Leeann Hanson – NEIWPC-JETCC Training Coordinator
RECENT ACTIVITIES:
- We completed our Spring class schedule on June 12 in Portland & Cape Elizabeth with “Real-World Nitrification/Denitrification”
- Time to start planning our Fall Schedule
  - Please send suggestions and requests to Leeann
- On Monday 6/17 met with Judy Bruenjes and Scott Firmin and set dates for the 2020 Wastewater Operator School scheduled from January – June at PWD
- Amanda Smith was recommended by MMA and appointed by Commissioner Reid to serve as JETCC’s newest Board member.
MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED:
  - Working on JETCC by-laws to create “At Large” position
DECISIONS MADE:
- Next Management Candidate School will be held in York starting November 2019.
  - Dates still TBA
- MCS students will soon be assigned their Op Exchange locations
ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:
- MCS Operator Exchanges being scheduled over the summer
- Continuing to develop training schedule for Fall *open to suggestions!*
NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES:
- Recognize your “unsung hero back at the plant by sending a nomination for JETCC Founders Award! Info available at [www.jetcc.org](http://www.jetcc.org) Deadline is August 1
- Next JETCC Board meeting is August 15.
- Management School Operator Exchanges taking place through mid-August.
- MCS Graduation during Fall MeWEA Convention.
  - We must be clear on how MeWEA wants our students to be registered 9/12
  - Would like them recognized during lunch on 9/12
  - We’ll need a meeting room on the afternoon of September 12 for final session & diploma presentation
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS:
- Call Leeann if you are interested in assisting with hosting or teaching a Fall class
REPORT SUBMITTED BY:  Leeann Hanson    DATE SUBMITTED:  June 13, 2019
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Stormwater Committee Representative: Zach Henderson & Gretchen Anderson submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 6/21/2019
COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Stormwater Committee
CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Zach Henderson / Gretchen Anderson

RECENT ACTIVITIES:
- Zach attended WEF Green Infrastructure Symposium and NEWEA Spring Meeting.
- Gretchen and Zach are continuing to track MS4 General Permit final draft it appears less likely that a permit will be effective in July 2020. There is still some pressure from environmental community on elements of the permit - namely TMDL provisions and wet weather monitoring.
- Zach, Gretchen and Mike Guethle are working on development of several stormwater sessions for the Fall meeting. Including: DEP Clean Watershed Needs, Updates from Long Creek restoration and overview of innovative stormwater controls and treatment.

DECISIONS MADE: None
MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: None

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:
- Gretchen is exploring sponsorship of Maine Stormwater Conference in December 2019.
- Zach is working with NEWEA on use of the Water For Life materials for MS4 communities.
- Zach and Gretchen would like to initiate a dialogue with WWTF regarding cooperative laboratory testing for ammonia and bacteria as it is anticipated that DEP will be requiring outfall sampling in the future permit. We will bring this up at future exec committee meeting.

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: None
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: None
REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Zach Henderson & Gretchen Anderson
DATE SUBMITTED: 6/14/2019

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MMA Representative: Melissa White reported on the following:
- Melissa has been promoted to the Affiliate Liaison position beginning July 1st. Joan Kiszely, the previous Liaison is retiring on June 28th.
- Melissa introduced Cyndi Fortier, who has taken Melissa’s previous position as the Office Coordinator for the MMA Trainings & Affiliate Groups.

President’s Committee Report: Stacy Thompson submitted the following written REPORT:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 06.21.19

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: President

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Stacy Thompson

RECENT ACTIVITIES: Went to the Southern Maine Children’s Water Festival; Attended ASA meeting at NBWEA Spring Conference; Poster Contest at LAWPCA; Working on Sludge/Biosolids spreadsheet with Andre and Scott. PAC meeting held on 05.31.19 for Fall Convention; Webinar on PFAS in Fish Tissue 06.06.19

DECISIONS MADE: None

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: PFAS Task Force Meeting; Chapter 800 update Meeting; ASA Meeting at NBWEA

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: PFAS Task Force meeting 06.26.19; Tentative meeting with DEP regarding Stone Environmental data modeling for end of June

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: None

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Stacy Thompson
DATE SUBMITTED: 06.07.19

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1st Vice President’s Report: Mike Guethle submitted the following written REPORT:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: June 21 2019
COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Vice President
CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Mike Guethle
RECENT ACTIVITIES:

DECISIONS MADE:

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED:
Attended YP meeting, NEWEA YP meeting, Convention/PAC phone call, assisting in Gov Affairs review and outreach.

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:
YPs look all set and have some additional life. I’ll hang out in an advisory role, but Max is doing great
Working w/Zach H to get stormwater track solidified.

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES:
Coordinate confirmation on which items MEWEA/NEWEA pays for, and which is not (Due end of June – assist with budgeting for 2020
Restructuring/hour effort for committee chairs – Waiting for progress on PFAS before opening another can of worms

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS:

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2nd Vice President’s Report: Phil Tucker submitted the following written REPORT:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 6/21/19
COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: 2nd Vice President
CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Phil Tucker
RECENT ACTIVITIES: NEWEA Spring Convention

DECISIONS MADE:

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: Attended NEWEA Public Awareness Committee meeting at the NEWEA Spring Conference. Need to reach out to our membership and see who may have contacts in Maine based businesses outside of the water industry.

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: Is the level of presence/involvement in Augusta sustainable with volunteers? Is it time for MBWEA to grow up and employ some full time people? Why are we only charging $35 a year for membership? What we are doing is far more valuable.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Phil Tucker
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• The group discussed increasing membership rates and benefits and possibly employing an Executive Director or joining efforts with another Association with an administrator while maintaining a separate identity. The group will begin to put a list together of items a new position would be in charge of; Stacy will reach out to Mike to revamp this idea.

6. Other New Business: Pretreatment Committee Chair for 2020: PFAS Update

• Stacy discussed PFAS, reporting that on March 22\textsuperscript{nd} a memo was received from David Burns for permittees for biosolids that put a halt on the distribution and land application of that. Numerous facilities have been heavily affected. Scott Firmin reported they are working to set up an entire track at the Fall Convention, with ten speakers and a representative from WEF, a Federal EPA representative, a State toxicologist as well as other representatives. Scott Firmin is working to have and either Commissioner Reed or Ned Beecher as a speaker for the Fall Convention luncheon. During the meeting, Commissioner Reed did confirm to Stacy via email that he would speak at the Fall Convention luncheon.

• Andre provided a brief update from the recent meeting of the PFAS taskforce and reported the next meeting will be at the Augusta Civic Center on June 26\textsuperscript{th}, all are welcome to attend. There will be a meeting on August 2\textsuperscript{nd} to begin preparation, Andre advised that funding will also be discussed.

• Update on Chapter 800, Stacy attended a meeting last month on hazardous spills, she reported that Chapter 800 will not be updated with PFAS at this time, but will be updated through another rule so that it doesn’t affect treatment plants. Stacy is waiting to get back in touch with Stone Environmental, the group would like NEBRA and Stone Environmental to be in discussion with the task force regarding the pathway model. Scott opied that the State action should be working with Federal to have all working towards the same goal.

• Travis provided feedback from the LAWPCA facility and reported the negative effects this is causing to farmers and landfill facilities. Scott would like MeWEA to prepare a white paper reporting on current outlets, the market and some discussion of impacts. Scott will contact Jeff McBurnie regarding possibly updating the previous white paper that was prepared in 2005 by John Peckenham from UMO.

7. Adjournment: Motion made by Scott Firmin, seconded by Phil Tucker, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55am.