



**The Wisconsin Section
Central States
Water Environment Association**

Minutes of the Summer Board Meeting

Wisconsin Section - Central States Water Environment Association

August 15, 2001

Nine Springs WWTP Madison, Wisconsin

A board meeting of the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association was called to order by Chair Dan Busch at 2:57 p.m. on August 15, 2001 at the Nine Springs WWTP in Madison, Wisconsin.

Board Members present:

- Dan Busch, Vice Chair
- Ken Sedmak, Past Chair
- Carol Strackbein, CSWEA Trustee
- Tom Sigmund, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent were:

- John Olson, Vice Chair
- Judy Tholen, WWOA Liaison.

In addition, the following were present: Rusty Schroedel, Ralph Erickson, Jay Kemp, John Leonhard.

Approval of May 15, 2001 Annual Meeting Minutes: Ken Sedmak moved the previously distributed meeting minutes for the May 15, 2001 Annual Meeting be approved as submitted. Second by Carol Strackbein. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Sigmund presented the Treasurer's report, reporting that there was a balance in the Section's accounts of \$11,269.75 as of August 14, 2001. Ken Sedmak moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Carol Strackbein. Motion carried.

CSWEA Trustee Report: Trustee Carol Strackbein presented a written report. CSWEA President David Lane has set improving our participation in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize as a focus for this year. The Wisconsin Section Board asked Carol Strackbein to take forward to the CSWEA Board the request to get the CSWEA membership directory onto the CSWEA web site as has been discussed in the past. This was put forward in a motion by Ken Sedmak with Second by Rusty Schroedel. Motion carried.

WWOA Liaison Report: Carol Strackbein reported for Judy Tholen that there have been no additional meetings and there is nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collection Systems: Chair Mike Spence submitted a written report. The 2001 Collection System Seminar was held on June 7th in Watertown and was a success. 213 people were registered and a profit of over \$2,000 is expected. The committee has set a meeting to plan for next year's seminar.

Government Affairs: Chair Rusty Schroedel presented a written report. He suggested that members look at the Government Affairs Committee area on the CSWEA website. Rusty suggested that we pay close attention to the pending PCB criteria as it will have a significant impact on land application of biosolids.

Government Affairs Seminar: The seminar is scheduled for February 28, 2002 at the Marriott West in Middleton. Tom Muga/DNR is the seminar chair.

Industrial Waste: Chair Randy Wirtz submitted a written report. The committee is promoting the Industrial Environmental Achievement Award and is tracking proposed rule developments.

Membership: No report was submitted.

Operations Committee & Management Seminar: Chair Joe Mandala submitted a written report. Three operators from Wisconsin are participating in the 2001 WEFTEC Operations Challenge in Atlanta. Ken Sedmak reported for Bill Marten that there are 62 people registered for the Management Seminar on August 16th. Tom Krueger will chair the seminar for 2002.

Public Education: Chair Max Anderson submitted a written report stating that there has been no committee activity for the previous 3 months.

Safety: No report was received.

Watershed Management: No report was received.

Strategic Planning: A motion was made by Rusty Schroedel that the Section Vice Chair be responsible for reviewing the strategic plan each year and reporting to the Board on status at the Annual Business Meeting in November. The Board will determine when it is necessary to update the Strategic Plan, although it is intended that the plan be updated every three years. The current Ad-hoc Strategic Planning Committee will also be disbanded. Second by Ken Sedmak. Motion carried.

Student Activities: No report was received.

Public Awareness: No report was received.

Representatives Reports

Spring Biosolids Symposium: Chair Jay Kemp presented an oral report. The 2002 meeting will be held on March 19, 2002 and will be chaired by Jay Kemp.

Water Wastewater Education Association: Representative Rusty Schroedel presented an oral report. People are encouraged to submit meeting information to Peg O'Donnell to populate the calendar.

Old Business

Strategic Plan: A new Membership Services Committee as recommended by the Strategic Plan has been deferred. A chair is being sought for the Public Awareness Committee. Send any suggestions to John Olson.

New Business

Great Lakes Byproducts Management Association: Jay Kemp will attend the Great Lakes Byproducts Management Association conference in Columbus, Ohio to gather information on the activities of the Association and will report back to the Board at the February Board Meeting to see if an alliance is warranted. Ken Sedmak made a motion that the Section will support Jay Kemp, or a designee, as a representative from the Wisconsin Section to attend the conference in Columbus and the Section will pay up to \$250 (plus the registration fee) to offset expenses. Second by Carol Strackbein. Motion carried.

CSWEA Student Chapter Grant: Dan Busch will request the \$600 grant from CSWEA for Student Chapter Support.

Update Section Statements of Policy: Ken Sedmak will lead the effort to update the Sections' Statements of Policy. The update will include Committees, the Service Award, the Strategic Plan, and inclusion of appropriate items from the newly revised CSWEA Statements of Policy.

The Annual Meeting of the Section will be held Wednesday November 7th (subsequently changed to Tuesday November 13th) beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac. John Leonhard has been tasked with finding a restaurant for dinner after the meeting for those interested.

Water Alliance: John Leonhard attended a meeting of the Water Alliance that is looking for more involvement from Wastewater Utilities to look at methods to reduce energy consumption.

Rusty Schroedel moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Carol Strackbein. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas W. Sigmund
Secretary/Treasurer
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA