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**Water Asset Management Council**

Virtual Conference  
Thursday, October 22, 2020  
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Sue McCormick, Chair – Chair  
Scott House, Vice Chair  
Carrie Cox  
Jane Fitzpatrick  
Scott Noesen  
Cameron Van Wyngarden  
Aaron Keatley  
Randy Scott  
Suzanne Pauley

**Support Staff Present:**

Bob Schneider, EGLE

**I. Call to Order**

Sue McCormick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with a quorum established.

**II. Attendance**

Roll Call – Bob Schneider

**III. Approval of October Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Jane Fitzpatrick made a motion to approve the minutes as provided; Randy Scott seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Cameron Van Wyngarden made a motion to approve the agenda; Scott House seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

**V. Public Comment**

No comments were given.

## **VI. Preparations update for survey roll out**

Survey instructions have been completed except for the integration of MIC Definitions. Production of instructional webinars for the survey rollout can be scheduled beginning early next year. The survey asset owner lists have been completed but may require inclusion of collection system asset owners once EGLE requirements come into effect. Surveys are completed with minor adjustments, which will require WMAC sign off.

## **VII. Discussion and Review of Schedule for template submittals**

Scott House noted that pushing the survey launch into 2021 will allow for a smooth survey rollout and provide better coordination with EGLE collection system plans

**Motion:** Scott Noesen made a motion to officially move the survey launch date to Oct 2021; Jane Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

## **VIII. Future strategy session**

A strategy session, virtual versus in-person, was discussed. Currently in-person meetings are unlikely to happen at this time. It was decided that a virtual meeting could be effectively used to discuss preliminary strategy ideas, followed up with a blended approach – virtual/in-person.

## **IX. MIC definitions progress report**

Scott House said significant progress had been made, reducing an initial 1460 definitions to 107 common definitions and general language to be used by all asset owners. Jessica Moy added MIC will approve the 107 integrated terms at their Dec. 10, 2020 meeting. MIC will seek approval of these definitions by WAMC and TAMC to support the effort.

## **X. MIC Update**

Jessica Moy was pleased to announce that funding for MIC for continued operations was in the 2021 budget. The Asset Management Readiness Assessment Scale is being rolled out at the regional level. The Project Portal is expected to go live in January 2021. Aaron Keatley mentioned the recent EGLE announcement covering new grant and loan funding for projects around the state. On Dec. 10, 2020 MIC will vote on the recent WAMC nominations to for 3 council positions.

## **X. Closing Remarks**

Jane Fitzpatrick commented on the aftereffects of the dam failure in Gladwin which has caused water table changes. Carrie Cox's office has been participating in the MIC readiness Assessment Scale and looks forward to the results. Cameron Van Wyngarden noted that many of WAMC's public information avenues, such as conferences and seminars, will not be functioning as usual in 2021. WAMC will need to look at other avenues to get their message out. Randy Scott is seeing an expanding interest in asset management. Aaron Keatley is excited about the new funding package, however EGLE will continue to experience workload issues in 2021. Sue McCormick noted that the state's economy and especially local governments will take time to recover.

## **XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.