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Water Asset Management Council

Virtual Conference
Thursday, January 28, 2021
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 9:39 a.m. with a quorum established.

II. Attendance

Roll Call – Bob Schneider

III. Approval of October Meeting Minutes

A spelling error was identified in the October meeting minutes and corrected.

Motion: Carrie Cox made a motion to approve the minutes with changes; Evan Pratt seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Evan Pratt made a motion to approve the agenda; Scott Noesen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

V. Public Comment

No comments were given.

VI. MIC appointments

Evan Pratt, who was appointed to sit on the MIC nomination committee, reported that MIC had reappointed Sue McCormick, Scott House and Scott Noesen to the WAMC. It was noted, that in the current environment, MIC was seeking consistency of WAMC members, which would be critical in order to guide existing projects through to their finish.

VII. Approval of MIC Integrated Definition List

Scott House went over the process to develop MIC Integrated definition list. A few suggestions were made to the list. It was decided to provide feedback to the MIC for further discussion for the MIC meeting the following week. A vote to approve the MIC Integrated list would come at a subsequent meeting after MIC's finalizing the list.

VIII. MIC Update

Jessica Moy appreciated the WAMC involvement with the preparation of the MIC Integrated list and assisting in the reappointments of WAMC members. The MIC Project Portal will be going live in the next month. The Asset Management Readiness Assessment Scale continues to collect data on a statewide basis. Jessica thanked EGLE for their assisted in this effort. MIC will be rolling out a certification program on asset management called AM Champions Program. Jessica is seeking a WAMC member, affiliate or staff person to help MIC review content for the certification program and a person to participate in the training for the certification program. Jessica will provide more information on this at a later date.

IX. Election of Council positions

Evan Pratt opened the floor to anyone interested in the elected officer positions.

Motion: Evan Pratt made a motion to nominate Sue McCormick as Chairperson and Scott House as Vice Chair. Cameron Van Wyngarden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

After the election, a few housekeeping details were discussed:

- 1) EGLE now recommends that council members discontinue use of their state emails and instead use member's business emails for WAMC correspondence. Members are encouraged to set up a WAMC folder in their email service designated for WAMC emails – both incoming and outgoing. Sue also recommended that all WAMC correspondence be preceded with the acronym WAMC to identify emails as such;
- 2) WAMC will consider reconvening the Bylaws committee in the coming year. EGLE will provide recommendations to WAMC on possible changes to the Bylaws;
- 3) WAMC reviewed the proposed 2021 meeting schedule. The meeting schedule will be published on the WAMC website.

X. Review of Survey roll out schedule

The survey timeline was discussed. EGLE will provide more detail on the proposed webinars/tutorials for the March meeting.

XI. Future Strategy Session

WAMC will defer discussions until a future meeting.

XII. Contaminant Remediation grant disadvantaged determinations

Spring Valley MHP and Greenlawn MHP each applied for a drinking water contamination remediation grant and requested a waiver of the match requirement. Neither MHP meet the disadvantaged criteria established under the State Revolving Fund Programs (SRF). If either MHP choose to do a site survey later, WAMC would have the opportunity to review the determination.

Motion: Evan Pratt made a motion to accept the EGLE determinations, Jane Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

XIII. Closing Remarks

Randy Scott noted he had received draft legislation from AWWA pertaining to the revolving fund and asset management. Sue McCormick will provide council members with a copy for their review. Scott House wondered if there were any updates on COVID vaccinations for utility workers. Jane Fitzpatrick commented on the Dam Safety Task Force and the continued fallout over the dam failures in 2020. Evan Pratt will share the Task Force recommendations with WAMC members.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion: Cameron Van Wyngarden made a motion to adjourn. Scott House seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 AM

Next Meeting:

Thursday, February 25, 2021

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Virtual