



Minutes for CWWUC Meeting – May 8, 2019.

1. Guest speakers, Johanna Miller, EPA, Priorities and Updates and Agency Strategic Plan for 2018 to 2022

- See EPA notes from email.

2. Board Action Items

1. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

- Wes motioned to approve minutes – Andra second – motion carried.

2. Approval of 2019-2020 Budget

- Andra hasn't changed anything – but did put together a preliminary budget keeping track of expenses and revenues to figure out where we're at for next year – preliminary based on what we spent last year
- Special Assessment was GEI from last year
- Expenses – Same as what we had last year –
 - o Attorney fees – was a one-time expense for bylaws.
- Andra and Julie – to provide transparency to show what is going in and coming out.

3. Approval of Invoices for Payment

- Gabe and Justine – Reg. 22 services
 - o Andra Ahrens motions to approve – Wes Martin seconds – no opposition - carried
- GEI – discussion whether this is still occurring - \$22 K

3. Discussion Items

1. WQCD Update, Nicole Rowan

- Staffing Issues
 - o Meg Parrish hired for permit section manager – was Unit 1 manager and at Attorney General's Office
 - Getting up to speed so be nice and might be able to attend this meeting
 - o Permit section is status quo
 - o Two positions in unit 3 for –commence and industry
 - o Watershed section – TMDL lead work and planning (and restoration and planning efforts)

- Limited term for nonpoint source group and standards group – for standards it is baseline focused for ammonia and nitrate and developing DSV for smaller facilities that have trouble complying with these
- John Putnam – Managing partner for Kaplan and Kirsch – has air quality experience and governor has air quality initiatives
- All directors at CDPHE are retained after change
- Budget
 - Presents budget for next year – is also a 30% cut in funding – result in zeroing nonpoint source and PPG (?) grant – but congress has continued to fund agency
 - State budget approved long bill – change in fee bill, some confusion to department of ag for pesticides – that amount is restored.
- Regulations and policy development
 - Basin routine review – Upper and lower basins – rebuttals are due next week for June
 - Next 10-year roadmap meeting – May 30th.
 - Reuse issues as part of statute – edible crops at community gardens/schools and commercial crops/ and toilet flushing –
 - Stakeholder processes – with concerned citizens
 - Reg. 86 – trying to coordinate with Reg 84 crops issue
 - Reg. 22 is still ongoing – working on a regulatory proposal on that.
 - Blair - concerned about capacity and design flow –
 - Nicole – looking to get this group back together and working through all the options on that.
 - Fellow AG advice may have been off
 - Shooting to get the subgroup meetings back together – sometime in June.
- Implementation (of Permit Fee bill)
 - Submitted second report for CW Fee bills
 - Talk about at PIF and WQF –
 - Looking for feedback by June of this - WQCD fees
 - Annual Permit Report – Focusing on increase of permit productions – believes that they're caught up on hiring. Saw an increase in permit production – but not enough to keep up with expiring permits –
 - Construction stormwater permit – expect this to increase production
 - EPA – feedback initiative – have a dialog about what is a realistic backlog for permits – Takes about 8 years to get an individual permit out the door. – Is that okay for folks?
 - Bill at federal level to extend permits for municipals from 5 to 10 years.
 - Also wants to make sure permits are updated in a timely manner when permittee doesn't want it approved.

- Trying to follow basin approach - S.Platte basin is next year, and the next two years would be permit implementation
 - Work with unit manager in charge of permit
- Andra asked if it would it be possible to get rid of PELs in Reg 61

- VIP – Sign up – nothing bad will happen if don't go through/no penalty for opting in.
 - Julie will send out something to work group to remind of VIP.
 - Plan doesn't need to be that detailed. Division doesn't want to read 100 page plans.
 - It's a performance based program – Purpose is to learn about ways that nutrients can be reduced.
 - Trying to remove nutrients to the most natural extent possible – if using chemicals, participants still get credit.
 - Division doesn't want to read 100 page plans – keep plans simple. No 100 page plans won't be read.
- Construction SW Permit – online system – hard to get signed up – Veronica the data manager will explain the sign-up at the PIF
 - Able to get the permit within 1 day if can get through the system.
- National update hot topics
 - Integration Planning is important – mainly an east coast thing with huge consent degrees for combined systems
 - But it is a federal law now – don't have to be in noncompliance to get this to work
 - Nicole thinks it might be possible to use with a DSV – for communities that have more of a connectivity with utilities
 - Nicole encourages people to come talk early if this is the plan
 - California – integrates water quantity and quality
 - Green infrastructure integration – more for wet weather stuff
- OCCT
 - Next stakeholder June 5th – trying to identify potential loadings and costs from ortho-side to predict mass-balance on wastewater side for Denver
 - Technical write up in white paper.
 - Drinking water – DW trying to do a variance for the SDWA, but its EPA's variance. Will be on a schedule with the check in points over the summer. EPA is asking DW to continue to put together the variance information.
 - Will likely be some SH groups this summer for health issues
 - Two paths – variance or lower doses of orthophosphate.
 - Expect to see a draft lead and copper rule this summer – might trying to be encouraging the removal of these lines

2. Monthly checkbook transactions update

- Nothing additional.

3. RFP for Management and Administrative Services update

- We sent out RFP and advertised the coordinator website on quite a few places
 - Three candidates applied. Board of directors interviewed all three. Asked the same three the same questions and scored the interviews
 - Due date to hire was April 12
 - Paul proposed - \$26,900 annual budget
 - Amy proposed - \$16,800 annual budget plus nominal cost for bookkeeper and management
 - Shonnie Cline - \$29,340 – with Corona environmental engineering firm. Has previously worked in wastewater for S. Adams County and City of Brighton.
 - Directors recommend – she was a breath of fresh air – has website experience – wants to be involved with social media – and involved with RMWEA conferences – ideas to increase membership and activity of membership
 - Has additional resources to use if she needs them
 - By far interviewed the best of the three –
 - Wes – there will be more transparency on finances and we can move group forward to become more relevant. We can also so move forward with our high level plan.
 - Andra – All contracts had an annual not to exceed amount.
 - Blair – Shonnie would be better to be relevant in public rulemakings and that Shonnie would be a better fit.
 - Jason (on the phone) – working toward stated mission statement –
 - Julie – not our goal to change mission statement – want to increase membership.
 - Shelly – asked whether Shonnie would still work for Corona –
 - Answers: she has Corona’s support will be working with of Corona.
- Motion to approve Shonnie from Corona as Coordinator hired. Andra seconds - Verbal ayes carried – no objections.

4. Open Discussion – Members Only

- TENORM
 - Workgroups are out there – to commence in June
- Wastewater for Operator Certification Board- Wes is concerned that TUs from the old database are not transferring to the new database.