

## **Alabama's Water Environment Association Board Meeting for August 2002**

### ***Submitted:***

Calvin Cassady /President  
Scott Cummings /Vice President  
Jonathan Childs/Secretary  
Sonja Massey/Treasurer

### ***Copies:***

Zane Hood/Director  
Ed Moore/Director

### ***Attendees:***

Calvin Cassady  
Phyllis Moody  
Mike Godfrey  
Sonja Massey  
Bill Hollerman Zane Hood  
Bruce Branum  
Celeste Lachenmeyer  
Scott Cummings  
Jonathan Childs

***Drafted By:*** Jonathan Childs/Secretary

***Date:*** August 29, 2002

The following is a summary of the meeting of Alabama's Water Environment Association (AWEA) officers, directors and committees for August 29, 2002. The meeting was conducted at CH2MHILL's Montgomery office. Calvin Cassady/President called the Board Meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***Approval of Previous Meeting Report***

The minutes from the June 14, 2002, Board Meeting were submitted and unanimously approved.

### ***Treasury Report***

The treasury report (Attachment A) was submitted. The report indicates a balance of \$87,949.75. Calvin indicated that AWEA is being audited for the ADEM operator training grant. Currently AWEA receives \$75,000 per year to do the operator training. A total of four service organization receive money to perform the training. ADEM administers the grant. Because the contract is unclear, a discrepancy exists concerning how AWEA is to charge expenses. The auditor claims that AWEA is to be reimbursed for expenses only. However, ADEM's position is that AWEA receives \$3,000 per class. The auditor indicated that approximately 65% of what AWEA has claimed as expenses are legitimate. The balance we may have to pay back. The auditor will make his report to the Alabama Department of Public Examiners. ADEM contends that the auditor is incorrect and that AWEA was simply following what was told to them by ADEM. Calvin and a representative from AWPCA are making an appointment with Senator Shelby in an effort to resolve the grant issue. Currently we are guaranteed the grant money for 2003, but it will be less money. The grant should be back to \$75,000 by 2004. Bruce Branum is submitting all receipts for workshop expenses to Sonja Calvin and Sonja are to discuss a procedure for tracking workshop expenses.

The Treasures Report passed unanimously.

### ***Contract with Perdido Beach Resort for 2005 Technical Conference***

Calvin indicated the contract was signed with Perdido for the 2005 conference.

### ***Meeting with the AWPCA President***

Calvin met with the AWPCA President to discuss grant issues, sharing resources, working together on workshops, and possibly doing a joint conference.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Committee Reports

Below is a summary of the committee reports organized by the function of the committee; administrative, technical, and liaisons. The committee chairperson is listed in ( ) beside the committee's name.

### Administrative Committees

#### *Annual Conference* (Scott Cummings)

Scott Cummings submitted a proposed budget (Attachment B) for the 2003 conference. He proposed charging speakers, similar to what is done at most conferences, to cover costs. Scott will discuss with Mac McIndoe at ADEM how this might affect ADEM's participation in the conference.

Scott wants to increase the corporate sponsorship and believes that we can improve on this. Scott will present a draft conference agenda at the next Board Meeting. However, he indicated that he was considering ending the conference on Tuesday night and moving the business meeting until Tuesday afternoon. He also would like to reduce the number of concurrent session from five to three.

Using the grant money for the conference was discussed since it is a training event. Scott also indicated that Dwight McGough had agreed to organize the golf tournament.

#### *Membership* (Phyllis Moody)

Phyllis Moody was present at the meeting and has agreed to take over as chair of the committee.

Our current records indicate that AWEA has 473 members. We need 500 members to have 2 directors. It was indicated that we have until September 15 to get to 500 members.

Calvin suggested that he wants to encourage membership growth at the local level. This could be done by holding informational dinner meetings and inviting current and prospective members. He thought that local groups from Tuscaloosa and Montgomery may also be interested in sponsoring students at the University of Alabama and Auburn University. Calvin distributed membership applications and indicated that he would like to increase MA dues by \$50. It was discussed that AWEA needs to offer benefits first and then look at a rate increase. Celeste Lachenmeyer said that she would like to see more training available for engineers and for AWEA to offer more services to the bulk of the membership before we dues are raised.

#### *Publications* (Ed Moore)

Ed Moore was not present but submitted a written report (Attachment C).

#### *Web Page* (Zane Hood)

Zane brought a web page status report to the meeting. The entire report is available at [www.awea-al.com/report](http://www.awea-al.com/report). He said that the report indicated the website has had more than 1000 hits since April 2002. Stone River has sent a mailer to firms asking for advertising. The website now has 8 links to advertisers at \$150 per link. Any updates to the website should be coordinated through Zane. Jonathan Childs suggested posting the approved meeting minutes on the website to keep the membership informed. It was agreed that this should be done.

#### *Awards* (Ed Becker)

Ed was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a written report (Attachment D).

#### *Education* (Pauline Johnson)

No report.

#### *Long Range Planning* (Mike Godfrey)

Mike said that AWEA needs to update/amend the By-laws to be consistent with WEF. He distributed a draft copy of the amended By-laws (Attachment E) Mike will check with the attorneys to see if these updates actually constitute an amendment that must be voted on by the membership. If so, he will officially submit the amendments to the Board in writing. It was decided that a copy of the By-laws should be available on the website.

### Technical Committees

#### *Collection Systems* (Phillip Guin and Jimmy Junkin)

No report. However, Jonathan indicated that a committee is planned for September 12, 2002 at the office of Almon Associates in Tuscaloosa.

***Government Affairs*** (Lynn Wood)

No report.

***Groundwater*** (Sonja Massey)

No report.

***Hazardous Waste*** (Jim LaMoreaux)

Jim submitted a written report (Attachment F).

***Industrial Waste*** (David Gilbert)

No report.

***Laboratory*** (Bill Hollerman)

Bill said that no entries had been submitted for the laboratory excellence awards. Bill is still searching for someone to replace him as the committee's chairperson.

***Operator's Workshop*** (Bruce Branum)

A written report was submitted (Attachment G). Bruce currently has 582 waster and sewer systems in the utility database. He has plans to send out a questionnaire to determine what other types of training operators would like to have. Two biosolids training events are also being planned.

***Residuals Management*** (Celeste Lachenmyer)

Celeste submitted a press release (Attachment H) for a study performed by the NAS that shows that the 503 biosolids regulations have not failed to protect public health..

***Watershed*** (Steve Mann)

No report.

**Liaison Committees**

***ADEM*** (Aubrey White)

Aubrey White has agreed to serve as the ADEM liaison..

***Legacy*** (Wynn Echols)

No report.

***PWOD*** (Joel Henderson)

No report.

**2006 Super Conference with AWPCA**

Calvin has discussed with AWPCA the possibility of doing another super conference. The last super conference was very profitable.

**Other Business**

The Operator Training Certification and Advisory Committee meet September 17 at ADEM. AWWA's conference is scheduled for October 6 - October 8 at Perdido. We received a letter from LaMoreaux and Associates wishing us luck in the future.

**Next Meeting Date/Adjournment**

The next AWEA meeting will be October 24, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. in Birmingham.