

**WISCONSIN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 30, 2016**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

President Dave Fritsch (Plover) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on March 30, 2016 at the Hyatt/KI Convention Center in Green Bay, WI.

Board members present: Bob Stanislawski (Clintonville), Tim Phelan (Rhineland), Dean Bergstrom (Cumberland), Mark Jerome (Drummond), Dave Magnussen (Horicon), Hershel Marks (Boscobel), Gayle Mathews (Richland Center), Ramon Knudtson (Melrose), Roger Freund (Rhineland), Dennis Wartgow (Park Falls) and Darrin Parsons (N Fond du Lac)

System members present: Adams, Algoma, Algoma SD#1, Alma Center, Bayfield, Beaver Dam, Belgium, Birnamwood, Black River Falls, Boscobel, Bowler, Brodhead, Brookfield SD, Cleveland, Clintonville, Clyman, Consolidate Koshkonong SD, Crandon, Cumberland, Curtiss, Darboy SD#1, Drummond, Florence, Green Lake, Greendale, Hartford, Hatfield SD#1, Hazel Green, Horicon, Hustisford, Iron River, Jackson, LaValle, Lancaster, Laona SD, Luxemburg, Manawa, Maribel, Marshall, Mauston, Mayville, Medford, Melrose, Musdoca, Nekoosa, New Lisbon, N Fond du Lac, Park Falls, Peshtigo, Pewaukee, Plover, Port Edwards, Random Lake, Reedsburg, Rhineland, Richland Center, Ripon, Scott, Shawano, Shawano Lake SD, Shullsburg, Stockbridge-Munsee, Taylor, Waunakee, Whitelaw and Wrightstown

Also present: Dave Lawrence (WRWA), Sue Wojtalewicz (WRWA) and Randall Beard (Wipfli)

ITEM 2: NOTICE OF MEETING

Lawrence explained that the Annual Meeting Notice was sent out in a timely manner according to the provisions in the By-Laws.

ITEM 3: MINUTES

Motion by Adams to approve the minutes from March 26, 2015. Second by Wrightstown and carried.

ITEM 4: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Fritsch referred to the "President's Message" in the Annual Report

ITEM 5: NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

National Director Freund referred to the "National Director's Report" in the Annual Report.

ITEM 6: FINANCIAL REPORT

Lawrence reported on the WRWA Budgeting process. He explained the complexity of WRWA’s finances due to the number of state and federal programs.

ITEM 7: AUDIT REPORT

Randall Beard referred to the “Report to the General Membership” and updated the membership on WRWA’s programs & internal accounts. He pointed out the increase in assets and explained that the decline in net assets was because the association was using its assets after they are fully depreciated. The audit report displays a “clean” opinion on the 2015 financial statements.

ITEM 8: COMMITTEE REPORTS

AD HOC

Chairman Wartgow reported on discussions held on employee policies at the meeting held on March 29th.

AWARDS

Chairman Jerome reported that the Committee met in February to select the 2016 award recipients.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Knudtson reported that the Board reorganizational meeting will take place in June in WI Dells. The topics will be Board training and effective Committees.

EVENTS

- Chairman Mathews reported that the Conference cost for individual members will increase \$5 to coincide with the cost of an additional exhibitor in the booths.
- There will be a deadline for Corporate and Gold members’ booth registration at the end of January each year.
- The Golf outing will be at Foxfire in Waupaca in 2016.
- The Outdoor Expo will have additional activities in 2016.
- The Committee have decided to use the proceeds of the Fisheree for debt retirement on the Technology Center.
- The location of the Fisheree will remain in Fox Lake.

EXECUTIVE

Chairman Fritsch reported that the Committee had recommended to transfer \$40,000 from the State Program to the Internal to pay down the loan on the Technology Center.

FACILITIES

Chairman Phelan reported the committee had recommended an addition to the parking lot at the Technology Center and to replace the roof of the office building.

LEGISLATIVE

- Chairman Magnussen thanked Fritsch for the assigning him to Chair the Legislative Committee.
- Magnussen reported on SB 432 – the sale of public water utilities, SB 49 – Prevailing wage and 2015 Act 126 – Sales tax on Construction Materials for Tax Exempt projects.

TRAINING

Chairman Stanislawski reported there were 230 sessions held in 2015 with 5915 attending. He referred Members to the Annual Report.

ITEM 9: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Lawrence explained that his report was included in the Annual Report. He further explained that WRWA has won the NRWA Training Award for the last 2 years.

ITEM 10: BY-LAW CHANGES

There were no By-Law changes this year.

ITEM 11: INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

There were no other matters to report at this time.

ITEM 12: COMMENTS

There was a request to have the Annual Report and meeting minutes available sooner. It was requested to receive it before the meeting so the delegates could review them before the meeting.

ITEM 13: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

District 1: Chris Jensen (Birnamwood) and Ryan St. John (Hortonville) have requested to be on the official ballot. Fritsch called for other nominations from the floor three times.

Motion by Shawano to close nominations and cast ballots. Second by Bowler.
Ballots were cast with Chris Jensen (Birnamwood) being elected.

District 2: Darrin Parsons (N Fond du Lac) is the incumbent. Fritsch called for other nominations from the floor three times.

Motion by Horicon to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Darrin Parsons. Second by Consolidated Koshkonong SD and carried.

District 3: Bob Berry (Adams) and Gene Larson (Black River Falls) have requested to be on the official ballot. Berry addressed the Membership and explained his qualifications and reasons for running for the WRWA Board. Larson addressed the Membership and explained why he wanted to serve on the Board. Fritsch called for other nominations from the floor three times

Motion by New Lisbon to close nominations and cast ballots. Second by Port Edwards.

Ballots were cast with Gene Larson (Black River Falls) being elected.

District 4: No Vacancy

District 5: Hershel Marks (Boscobel) is the incumbent. Fritsch called for other nominations from the floor three times.

Motion by Muscoda to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Hershel Marks. Second by Shullsburg and carried.

ITEM 14: ADJOURN

Motion by Mayville to adjourn at 1:35 pm. Second by Clyman and carried.