

**WISCONSIN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 29, 2017**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

President Ramon Knudtson (Melrose) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on March 29, 2017 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI.

Board members present: Bob Stanislawski (Clintonville), Dean Bergstrom (Cumberland), Mark Jerome (Drummond), Dave Magnussen (Horicon), Hershel Marks (Boscobel), Gayle Mathews (Richland Center), Dave Fritsch (Plover), Roger Freund (Rhineland), Chris Jensen (Birnamwood), Darrin Parsons (N Fond du Lac) and Gene Larson (Black River Falls).

System members present: Adams, Algoma, Algoma SD#1, Town of Algoma, Alma Center, Amery, Birnamwood, Black River Falls, Boscobel, Brodhead, Bloomington, Cambria, Cleveland, Clintonville, Cumberland, Drummond, Fox Lake, Florence, Green Lake, Hartford, Hazel Green, Horicon, Hudson, Iron River SD, Jackson, LaValle, Lincoln SD, Manawa, Mayville, Melrose, Nekoosa, New Lisbon, N Fond du Lac, Oregon, Pepin, Pewaukee, Plover, Prescott, Rhineland, Richland Center, Shawano, Shullsburg, Stoddard, Sunnyfield Acres, Tigerton, Waunakee, Whitehall, Whitelaw and Viola.

Also present: Dave Lawrence (WRWA), Sue Wojtalewicz (WRWA) and John Henning (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 Hudson to approve the minutes from March 30, 2016. Second by New Lisbon and carried.

ITEM 4: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Knudtson 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: AUDIT REPORT

John Henning referred to the “Report to the General Membership” and updated the membership on WRWA’s programs & internal accounts. The audit report displays a “clean” opinion on the 2016 financial statements.

ITEM 7: COMMITTEE REPORTS

AD HOC

Chairman Fritsch had nothing to report at this time.

AWARDS

Chairman Mathews reported that the Committee met in February to select the 2017 award recipients.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Bergstrom reported that the Board reorganizational meeting will take place in June in WI Dells. The topic will be Strategic Planning.

EVENTS

- Chairman Mathews reported over 1300 attendees this year and 232 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 2017 and 2018.
- The Outdoor Expo will have additional activities in 2017.
- The location of the Fisheree will remain in Fox Lake for 2018.

EXECUTIVE

Chairman Knudtson had nothing to report at this time.

FACILITIES

Chairman Marks reported the committee had recommended adding to the door lock system at the Technology Center. They recommended getting a quote for installing security systems for the WRWA Office and Technology Center.

LEGISLATIVE

Chairman Magnussen reported on issues being monitored by The Hamilton Group who is the lobbyist hired by WRWA.

TRAINING

Chairman Stanislawski reported there were 191 sessions held in 2016 with 4646 attending. He referred Members to the Annual Report.

ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Lawrence explained that his report was included in the Annual Report.

ITEM 9: BY-LAW CHANGES

There were no By-Law changes this year.

ITEM 10: COMMENTS

President Knudtson thanked Dave Magnussen for his years of service to WRWA.

ITEM 13: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

District 1: Bob Stanislawski (Clintonville) is the incumbent. Knudtson called for other nominations from the floor three times.

Motion by Algoma to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Bob Stanislawski. Second by Tigerton and carried.

District 2: Tom Tietz (Cambria) has requested to be on the official ballot. Tietz addressed the Membership and explained his qualifications and reasons for running for the WRWA Board of Directors. Knudtson called for other nominations from the floor three times.

Motion by Horicon to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Tom Tietz . Second by Mayville and carried.

Distric 3: No Vacancy

District 4: Dean Bergstrom (Cumberland) is the incumbent. Knudtson called for other nominations from the floor three times.

Motion by Hudson to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Dean Bergstrom. Second by Amery and carried.

District 5: No Vacancy

ITEM 14: ADJOURN

Motion by Mayville to adjourn at 1:40 pm. Second by Green Lake and carried.