

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting  
North Dakota Section of AWWA  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The winter board meeting of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association was held at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck, ND on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Present at the meeting were Chair, Jeff Bryson; Director, Dean Sletten; Trustees, Jim Lennington, Adam Zach, Jim Kershaw, Troy Hall, Alan Kemmet; Assistant Treasurer, Greg Wavra; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Shawn Heinle. Others in attendance were Mike Berg.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Bryson at 8:07a.m.

The Secretary's Report was e-mailed to the board members before the meeting. Mr. Heinle made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the Secretary's Report. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Wavra presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Kemmet moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded and the motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

##### Investment Subcommittee

Mr. Sletten summarized the work of the investment committee. The general consensus was to proceed with investing without the use of a financial manager but through Gate City Bank where the existing accounts are located. The investment subcommittee will proceed with developing this option and bring back further details at the next board meeting.

##### Young Professionals

None

##### Membership

Mr. Zach gave the report for Mr. Goetz. There are 245 active members and 11 new members.

##### Education and Research

Mr. Zach discussed the section's current support for 6 regional and the state science fairs. Mr. Zach also discussed the Surface Water Treatment Workshop. There was additional discussion of water scholarships for water operators and leveraging money from the AWWA Water Equation for matching water scholarships.

Mr. Zach made a motion for the ND AWWA Section to handle the registration and finances for the Surface Water Treatment Workshop. Mr. Hall seconded the motion and it was approved.

##### By-Law Committee

Mr. Berg gave an update on the work of the by-law committee. Mr. Berg will contact Maggie at Section Services to find out how we next proceed.

##### Director's Report

Mr. Sletten gave the Director's report. Discussed the elections for the AWWA President Elect, Treasurer, Vice President, Director at Large, and Service Provider Director. Discussed the Associations Budget, regulatory update, AWWA India, and the ND Section Annual Report.

Mr. Hall moved that the ND Section donate \$100 to a memorial setup for Kelly Jackson who the Executive Administrator for the AWWA for many years. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### Water Utility Committee

Discussed the AWWA Fly-In. Mr. Berg and Mr. Hall will attend schedules permitting.

#### Old Business

Discussed the upcoming EPA/Rural Development training that will be taking place in Bismarck April 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### New Business

Discussed the RMSO. Interest in attending was expressed by Alan Kemmet, Troy Hall, and Dean Sletten.

#### Committee Assignments

Operator Meritorious: Mr. Wavra (Chair), Mr. Heinle, and Mr. Sletten

Fuller Award: Joe Ferguson (Chair), Dr. Wei Lin, Tim Paustian, Duane Friesz, Greg Wavra

Trustee: Mr. Sletten (Chair), Mr. Kershaw, Mr. Wavra

#### Donations

Mr. Kershaw made a motion to make our regular donations to WFP, WRF (AWWARF), Gateway to Science, and Dakota Science. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved.

#### Other New Business

Mr. Sletten discussed the new US Farm Bill with funds available for source water protection. The Section will be involved with the USDA State Technical Committee.

Mr. Wavra presented the 2020 budget which includes the Surface Water Treatment Workshop finances and registration. Mr. Lennington made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Zach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dean Sletten  
Director