

Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference

Board Meeting Minutes December 18, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference was held on December 18th, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. In attendance were Chairman Archie Hendren, Chairman-Elect Curtis Hedrick, Vice-Chair Mike McMillian, Verlon Persinger, John Waitman, Shelley Lane, Tyler Stuhlman, Tim Gephart, Dwight (Allen) Taylor, Kent Spainhour, Quentin Overbeck, Sandi Miller, and Leslie Miller.

Chairman Hendren asked if everyone had received and read the September 18, 2024, board meeting minutes. He asked if changes or additions were needed. After discussion of needed changes, Verlon Persinger made the motion to accept the minutes. Curtis Hedrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Executive Director Sandi reported that the daily operations of the Conference continues to run smoothly. She stated that John Betz has been on sabbatical since October 24, 2024 and has not yet said whether he will resume teaching in 2025. She also introduced two new instructors: Loyd Rawlings and Brad Ziegler. She reported that to compensate for the higher instructor fees and fewer classes held, the cost of training has been increased to \$125.00 for MWWC members and \$175.00 for non-members. Sandi then said that a financial review of MWWC's 2023 books was conducted by Estes and Associates, in Jefferson City, and that a committee of two or three members will be needed to conduct a review of the 2024 books. Sandi reported that attendance at the annual meeting was approximately 150 including individuals, company reps, presenters, staff, and guests. She further stated that this was about 25 fewer than in 2023 and 50 fewer than in 2019 and because of Covid-19, annual meetings were not held in 2020, 2021, and 2022. She then reported that in 2019 we had 49 vendor reps at 26 booths and in 2023 we had approximately 40 vendor reps including 24 traditional exhibitors and 4 companies represented as "Walking and Talking" Exhibitors and in 2024 34 reps at 24 displays. Regarding 2025 annual meeting planning, Sandi reported that after exploring several venues, in Columbia, and with input from the board, she has signed a rental agreement for MPUA's Kincheloe Conference Center for Tuesday September 23 and Wednesday September 24.

Leslie reported that the current membership total is 2,356 (1,1889 Individual, 43 associate, 420 life).

Leslie then gave the following financial reports: Hawthorne Bank - Checking Acct. amount (as of 12/16/24) totaled \$49,251.32. The River Region Credit Union - Reserve Account 12/16/2024 totaled \$107,446.94.

Sections (as of 12/31/23) \$ 103,903.80

Southwest	\$11,489.60	Northeast	\$ 5,871.70
Midwest	\$13,159.05	East Central	\$ 5,215.36
Northwest	\$21,121.77		
Southeast	\$48,791.19		
Northeast	\$ 5,871.70		

Leslie gave the report for the up-to-date 2024 budget. Allen Taylor made a motion to accept the financial reports. Verlon Persinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Curtis Hedrick (Northwest Section) and John Waitman (Southwest Section) reported the status their section's 2025 meeting planning.

Verlon relayed to the board that Derek Leffert indicated that he is trying for October 1, 2025, to start working with Sandi to transition the management of the MWWC to the 109 Group.

Archie introduced changing the 2025 state training fee from \$10 to \$15 per section meeting registrant. Mike McMillian made the motion to increase the 2025 state training fee from \$10 to \$15 per section meeting registrant. Tyler Stuhlman seconded the motion that passed.

The next MWWC board meeting will be held on Zoom on February 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Verlon made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Allen Taylor seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.