

**MEWEA Executive Board Meeting
Friday, October 21, 2022
In-Person – Vortex – Livermore Falls
Zoom**

MINUTES

Attendance: Jeff McBurnie, Tim Wade, Bruce Berger, Andre Brouseau, Phil Tucker, Stacy Thompson.

Zoom Attendance: Amanda Smith, , Jim Cohen, Paula Drouin, Peter Zaykoski, Phil Tucker, Rob Pontau, Theresa Tucker, Emily Prescott, Kristie Rabasca, Joan Kiszely

Guest: **Steven Greseth,**

Absent: Gregg Wood, Dave Beauchamp, , Brody Campbell, Sarah King, Bryanna Dennis, Andy Wendell, Charlene Poulin, Alex Beauchamp, Gretchen Anderson, Travis Peaslee, Travis Jones.

Call to Order: Vice President Tim Wade called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Correspondence Folder: No Correspondence.

Quorum: It was determined there was a Quorum.

Minutes: Motion made by Jeff McBurnie, seconded by Phil Tucker, all approved the August 19, 2022, minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff submitted a report to Google Drive. Jeff McBurnie reviewed the Treasurers report indicating everything is in order on the August & September financial report. Motion made by Phil Tucker, seconded by Andre Brouseau, all approved the Treasurers report. Jeff would like the Budget request from each committee person one week before the November meeting. There was a brief discussion on the financials & Administrative Services

Guest Speaker: Steve Greseth, Kiewit met with DEP about Bio-Solids throughout the State. He reported on the following & shared his screen:

- They went through a presentation with DEP Project, they did in Tennessee

Presentation

Introductory slide of Kiewit Overview

28,000 of employees

They are a construction company

Founded in 1884

Consistent Leadership

Training is a big part of who they are

Educational facility in Omaha Nebraska

Safety is important
9 on call when they talked to DEP

They can help with finances
KDC Team
Do many projects with water & wastewater
Largest pump station in US

Maine Kiewit Experience:

Kittery project
19 other projects going on in Maine
Solar Power
He showed Kiewit Biosolids experience
Natural Gas Biosolids they have done through the US
Maine Biosolids Challenge
LD 1911
Septage land application ban imminent
Landfill cost gone up a lot
Limited landfill capacity
60 million gallons/ year of septage
WWTP – 210,000 wet ton / year biosolids
Showed the Plant locations
Maybe try to build 3 facilities – Bangor, Portland, Augusta
Chart of Histogram – 65 plants
Maine DEP Questions:
What can Kiewit do to improve the biosolids situation?
What do you envision as potential solutions to the problem?

Maine Biosolids Opportunity:

Needs to develop sustainable solution
Tip fee less than landfill market price
Understand viable ownership models
Minimize haul distance and haul cost
Maximize use of dewatered cake from all Maine WWTPS
Flexibility for import of all septage, liquid sludge, FOG, manure
Use only proven technologies
Minimize mass of final product
Configure for option for PFAS destruction by gasification or pyrolysis
Conduct series of stake holder workshops

Maine Biosolids THP, Anaerobic Digestion, Drying

Potential Process Solution

Brief Questions & Answers

Old Business:

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Tim Wade reported the trophies are in for the fall convention cornhole tournament winners (?)

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

DEP Report: Gregg Wood was not in attendance.

JETCC-NEIWPCC: Peter Zaykoski submitted a report to Google Drive. He indicated the following:

- Fall Training Catalog up and on their Website & reviewed classes that are coming up.
- Working on North Country event
- Interested in being an instructor let Peter know
- Amanda Smith resigned from the JETCC Board
- Fall Convention was good and thanked the team that worked hard on it

NEWEA: Paula Drouin submitted a report on the Google Drive. She reviewed highlights of her report.

- Still working on Operator Exchange. Aiming for December instead of at the Fall Convention.
- Website: Some people have offered to help her. Might need Mike Hersom to help with some of the changes. Bruce will look into the cost for MeWEA.

MWUA: Bruce reported on the following:

- Met yesterday. Request a meeting with MeWEA. They would like to meet in November – Bruce will send out a Poll to get a date
- Planning their conference February 2 & 3, 2023.

Membership & MWUA: Rob Pontau submitted his report on Google Drive:

- Increase in dues?
Suggested to go up to \$60 and do away with the Group membership

MeWEA: Joan Kiszely reported on the following:

- Met with Rob Pontau to go over the Membership for 2023 – The renewals will go out on December 1. Will be working on updating the membership form.
- Working with Sunday River on the 2023 & 2024 Contracts for Fall Convention
- Confirmed to date 30 Exhibitors that want to exhibit in 2023 and keep the space they were given
- Updating forms, etc. from the 2022 to 2023 so I don't forget what the changes need to be
- Worked on Cost Analysis for the 2022 Fall Convention to date. I will be sending the figures to Phil, Stacy and Jeff.

Legislation Advocate: Jim Cohen reported on the following:

- PFAS
- Election coming up – 186 seats that are up. There will be an impact on the election
- Race for Governor – groups are spending money on negative ads.
- New team member joining them

- Question & Answers

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee: Mike Guethle submitted a report to Google Drive.

- Paula did a great job assisting him & thanked her
- Awards went well
- Action Item: MMA looking to charge for updating the Operator of the Year – Motion made by Phil Tucker, Seconded by Stacy Thompson to keep the Operator of the Year plaque at MMA.

Collections System: Travis Jones was not in attendance.

- Travis is the Chair of this committee now,

Communications Report: Bryanna Denis submitted her report to Google Drive. Bruce indicated:

- Newsletter went out.
- Discussion on having 3 a year for the Newsletter

Convention Report: Phil Tucker & Stacy Thompson submitted a report to Google Drive.

- Great fall convention
- Awards being in a different room was nice
- Obvious we will be going back to Sunday River
- Meeting rooms will be going on
- New Hampshire is doing Ski Day – Bretton Woods in New Hampshire – March 16th
Green Mountain will be joining us in 2023
- Justin Barnett to be joining the committee
- Meet & Greet only going to be 90 minutes
- Corn Hole will be kept inside for 2023
- Tim sent Thank You letters to the exhibitors
- 15 Minutes Welcoming prior to the Sessions starting

Government Affairs Report: Amanda Smith & Emily Cole-Prescott submitted a report. They reported on the following:

- Next GAC meeting 10/26
- November 17th meeting with DEP
- Public Outreach meeting November 7th
- Provided a report at WEF
- PFAS – spoke at the MMA Convention in a Session
- Working on a EPA letter
- Took a tour of Scarborough facility
- Also asked Bruce Berger to investigate a bus for tours to WWTP maybe not do the Legislative Breakfast. Wants more discussion on this

Laboratory: Andy Wendell submitted a report to Google Drive.

Personal Advancement Report: Charlene Poulin submitted a report.

Pretreatment Report: Terry Tucker submitted a report to Google Drive. She added the following:

- Had a Pretreatment meeting this past Wednesday
- Pretreatment Conference October 26 & 27
- DEP talked about their License & Permits
- Only permits are new permits or issues at plants is what they are focusing on at this time
- SOPS for the PFAS Sampling

Public Relations Report: Phil Tucker reported on the following:

- Contracted with Black Fly media
- \$1,500 would be the cost each month
- Struggled for years to talk about what Utilities do
- Room for collaboration with MWUA for next year – current scope is Biosolids

Residual Management Report: Andre Brousseau submitted a report on Google Drive. He indicated:

- Travis & Andre will be attending the NEBRA conference in Portsmouth, NH
- Andre & his Chief Operator are going to New Jersey on November 7 to look at a Drying facility

Storm Water Report: Kristie Rabaska & Sara King submitted a report.

- Clean Water Shed survey
- Meeting with DEP last week
- She will be stepping down from this committee
- Sarah has been doing a great job and will be staying

Treatment Plant Operator Report: Alex Buechner submitted a report on Google Drive. Alex is still leading the Clean Water Week poster contest and the 2023 announcement has been emailed to past participants and posted to the website.

Young Professionals Report: Brody Campbell submitted a report on Google Drive.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Presidents Report: Dave Beauchamp was not in attendance.

1st Vice Presidents Report: Tim Wade reported on the following:

- End of September had the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act celebration
It was a great day & had great speakers.
- Certain Committees are going off to events & have booths
Tim would like to add some money to his budget for some Swags to go on the table. He is open to suggestions. Also looking to get another booth banner since one is broken. Paula will send Tim the invoice from the last time she ordered the booth banners.

2nd Vice President: Gretchen Anderson was not present.

Past President Report: Phil Tucker reported on the following:

- Election coming up - Senator Holly Sargent
- Meeting coming up with Holly

Adjourn: Motion made by Jeff McBurnie, seconded by Stacy Thompson, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 18th Board Meeting held at MWUA
- Stormwater Event – November 1 & 2, Portland, ME
- NEBRA Biosolids Event – November 1 & 2, Portsmouth, NH.