Meeting was held September 21, 2006 at the Fremont NE City Council Chambers. Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m.

Present were: Larry Andreasen, Tony Bilek, Bruce Dvorak, David Jundt, Rich Koenig, Teresa Kub, John Olsson, Scott Sprague, Chuck Thomerson and Michael Wentink.

A motion was made by Larry Andreasen to approve minutes, as amended, of the July 13, 2006 meeting; seconded by Mike Wentink. The motion was approved by all.

**Treasurer’s Report**

John Olsson shared the current budget standpoint. There was also a discussion of possible budget categories for the next fiscal year. Motion to approve treasurer report was made by Mike Wentink; seconded by Larry Andreasen. Motion approved by all.

**Director’s Report**

Joel Christensen sent the following report. The Washington DC office of AWWA has been watching chemical security legislation and working to ensure it doesn’t duplicate existing security requirements. Utilities have been kept informed and encouraged to contact their members of congress. The current regulatory effort is under the Department of Homeland Security and is geared toward chemical plants. If water treatment facilities are not excluded, they could be required to comply with these rules in addition to existing EPA rules.

The Water Security Congress (held the week of September 11th) and the Distribution Systems Symposium (held the week of September 17th) will come in at about 90% of the budget. This is good considering the recent sluggish performance of events.

Three candidates are vying for the position of President-Elect. Elections will be held at the winter 2007 board meeting. Mike Dimitriou is a member of the Manufacturers/Associates Council and the Virginia Section and is the director of strategic technology development for advanced water treatment for ITT Industries. Bob Jones is a member of the British Columbia Section and is manager of the Greater Vancouver Regional District’s quality control division. Mike Leonard is a member of the Georgia Section and is client technical services manager for Brown and Caldwell.

Motion to approve the Director’s report was made by Chuck Thomerson; seconded by Teresa Kub. Motion approved by all.

**Committee Reports**

**Audit**

Tony Bilek shared with the Board a summary of the checking, savings, and CD data provided by Chris Koenig. All appears to be in order. John Olsson has obtained signature authority on the bank account, to go along Chris Koenig’s signature authority.

**Awards**

No Report.

**Budget**

No separate report, discussed during treasurer’s report.

**Cross-Connections**

Rich Koenig reported that the workshops are going on at the moment. The workshops have been well attended.

**Education**

Mike Wentink shared brochures developed in Florida and New York that explaining career options in the water industry to high school students. Mike suggested developing a similar...
Nebraska-specific careers flyer. Chuck Thomerson suggested jointly sponsoring this initiative with NWEA. Chuck Thomerson and Bruce Dvorak will talk with NWEA at the Fall Conference.

John Olsson suggested getting a talk about workforce aging and recruiting issues on the agenda of a League of Municipalities, clerks, and/or new council board members conference, possibly using a National AWWA presentation. Tony Bilek suggested putting this on the session for the joint meeting at the fall conference, with NWEA and APWA, to consider if a shared initiative should be developed. Tony will get this on the agenda of that meeting.

Chuck Thomerson reported that three communities (Hastings, Gering, and Columbus) will be hosting the AWWA teleconference (fire hydrants for fire protection) on Nov. 2, 2006. David Jundt pointed out a mistake in the draft announcement. A mailing of a teleconference flyer was discussed as well as how to collaborate with Mari to send a flyer out via e-mail. The board discussed revising the registration fees for the different categories for the spring 2007.

**Fuller Award**
Rich Koenig reported that there will be an award.

**MAC**
Tony reported that 40 exhibitors have registered so far.

**Membership**
No report.

**Nominations**
Larry Andreasen has published the nominations in the most recent edition of Wise Water Words, which are:

Chair Mike Wentink, Nebraska Health & Human Services  
Trustee & Past Chair Tony Bilek, Mc2 Inc.

These positions require nominations and election. Nominations also will be open at the Fall Conference Business Meeting, November 8, in Kearney.

Chair-Elect Kevin Tobin, Metropolitan Utilities District
Vice Chair Dr. Bruce Dvorak, UNL Civil Engineering
Secretary Chuck Thomerson, City of Columbus
Treasurer John S. Olsson, Olsson Associates
Trustee Teresa Kub, HDR Engineering Inc.
Trustee Rob Pierce, League of Nebraska Municipalities
Director Chris Koenig, HGM Associates

**Public Information**
No Report.

**Publications**
No Report.

**Research**
Bruce Dvorak reported that the committee has a new member, Tim Lindeen.

**Safety**
No formal report. The committee has met since the last meeting and will have awards to present at the fall conference.

**Scholarships**
Larry visited with Lynn so the committee is ready to award $1,500 for student scholarships. No operators have contacted Lynn concerning scholarships.
Small Systems
Dave Jundt reported the committee is looking for speakers to bring from outside of the state for the 2007 fall conference. An example of the topics being considered is bringing in both the operator and the engineer when a new treatment system is built to discuss the lessons learned.

Student Activities
Bruce Dvorak reported that the student chapter is developing a schedule for the fall and spring. The first meeting will likely be next week, pending obtaining a final member of the panel (related to finding jobs).

Water for People
No formal report. Glenn Dostal has proposed changing the cost of each raffle ticket from $1 to $5 (or 3 for $10). Rich Koenig will mail the tickets to Glenn in the next few days.

Water Utility Council
No Report.

Young Professionals
The committee had a successful tour of the FlowServe facility (Hastings) in August 31 with 12 people, and on September 22 is a tour of the Diamond Plastics PVC Plant in Grand Island (and have limited attendance).

Old Business:
2007 Regional Meeting.
The Nebraska Section is due to be the host in the spring of 2007. The information from the AWWA National came very late. Tony suggested that we host the meeting in Nebraska, as opposed to meeting in another location, say Las Vegas or Denver. Nebraska locations discussed included Mahoney State Park, Arbor Lodge and Ponca State Park.

Fall Conference.
Mike reported that the representatives of the three associations (APWA, AWWA, and NWEA) met this past month. The conference agenda was discussed. The three association planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9:30 am on Wednesday, Nov 8th.

Tony has a box of possible promotional gifts (125 anniversary for AWWA). A table will be set up by the registration booth to hand these out. The cost is $12-13 per unit for about 400. Mike Wentink made a motion, seconded by Bruce Dvorak, to authorize Tony to select and order a padfolio for this purpose. Motion was selected by all. Tony will need to visit with Kathleen about getting a coupon stuffed in the correct envelopes. The board discussed the process of offering non-members a one-year membership for $30, with NS-AWWA subsidizing the remainder of the cost.

New Business:
External Customer Satisfaction Survey was briefly discussed. Tony will compile the results and send the survey in to national.

SRF Funding update.
Scott Sprague visited with the board. Scott has emphasized that small community boards need to run their utility as a business and make money to pay for required improvements. Scott also shared DVDs related to capacity development (managing a small town public water system). This work is funded by SRF funding.

The meeting ended at 12:20 p.m.

The next meetings are scheduled for:
Wednesday, November 8 1:30-3:30 Kearney / Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 8 3:30-4:30 Kearney / Board Meeting
Submitted for approval September 22, 2006 by Bruce Dvorak, Nebraska Section American Water Works Association Secretary.