



Drinking Water Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

Keizer

Members Present

Yone Akagi, Large Water Systems

Ed Butts, Oregon Association of Water Utilities

DJ Ezell, Special Districts Association of Oregon

Jenifer George, Oregon Environmental Health Association

Celeste Hari, Privately Owned Water Systems

Annette Pampush, Conference of Local Health Officials

Kimberley Ramsay, Oregon Environmental Lab Association

Brian Rigwood, Pacific NW Section, American Water Works Association

Members Absent

Jason Canady, League of Oregon Cities

Lori Grant, Environmental Advocacy Groups

Ray Johnson, Plumbers/Backflow Testers

David Phelps, League of Women Voters of Oregon

Guests

David Barnett, Infrastructure Finance Authority

Tawni Bean, Infrastructure Finance Authority

Dennis Knight, Infrastructure Finance Authority

Jeremy McVeety, Infrastructure Finance Authority

Bob Patterson, City of Pendleton

Ann Scheck, The Linking Letter, Independence

Staff

David Emme Kari Salis

Tony Fields Diane Weis

Welcome/Roster Update:

DJ Ezell welcomed the group and led introductions.

There were no changes to the agenda.

November Meeting Minutes:

Annette Pampush made motion to approve the minutes, Kim Ramsay seconded. They were voted on and approved.

Member Update:

DJ Ezell asked about a professional operator initiative and whether Drinking Water Services is accepting it as reciprocity. DWS is aware of the initiative, but is not currently considering it as an option for reciprocity.

Bob Patterson asked if an operator can take the operator certification exam before having the required number of hours of work experience, and the answer to that is no.

Annette Pampush said she has heard people complaining about OAWU's small water system training courses. Tony Fields said they are reviewed by the Drinking Water Services staff.

Program Update:

Dave Emme introduced himself as the new Drinking Water Services manager. He is coming up to speed on the budget and tracking the legislative bills.

Portland Water Bureau has been dealing with crypto detections. They are the only system in the country that has a crypto treatment variance. Because of the lead situation in Michigan, EPA has been more hands-on with Portland Water Bureau's lead and crypto situations.

Revolving Fund Update:

Pendleton Project – The City of Pendleton is asking for \$14,855,000 to complete their capital improvement project. Bob Patterson from the city, reviewed the city's background and history, summarized the proposed project and explained what the loan would be used for. The service area has a population of 20,000.

While preparing their master plan, they found pressure, storage and capacity are deficient. They would use the SRF loan, along with some funds from the city, to add additional wells, reservoirs, new booster pump, and upgrade and replace many old lines.

Brian Rigwood made motion to provide the requested loan amount to the city, Kim Ramsay seconded. It was voted on and approved.

Infrastructure Finance Authority Update –

- A couple of the systems on the commitments list have started.
- The interest rates have increased.
- Ten new projects have been added to the combined infrastructure project priority list in the first quarter. The total amount requested for the 52 projects on the list is \$124,000,000.

Ozone Workgroup Report:

At a previous meeting, the workgroup recommended that Drinking Water Services (DWS) use the waiver process to consider allowing disinfection credit for ozone treatment before filtration, and the Drinking Water Advisory Committee agreed with that approach. The Coalition is disappointed with this decision and prefers DWS to make a rule change.

Kari Salis gave more information on how a waiver would work; that each water system would need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. DWS would work with each system on what data needs to be submitted for review, and we would try to make a determination within a month.

2017 Meeting Schedule:

April 19, 2017 – Keizer [this meeting date will be changed due to the State's annual Silver Falls Conference]

July 19, 2017 – Keizer

October 18, 2017 – Keizer