

AWWA Groundwater Committee
Meeting Minutes
7/31/2009
Clementine's Restaurant

Present at meeting: Joel Annable, Ray Berkin, Brian Cowham, Alan Erickson, Dan Kitchen, Wayne Kukuk, Ronda Page, Dave Rich, Tom Smith (Board Liaison), Arlene Anderson-Vincent

Meeting commenced at 12:00 pm.

1. Michigan Exemplary Wellhead Protection Award for 2009

There were five candidates: Clare, Marshall, Niles, Plainfield Township and South Lyon. The subcommittee met in May to score the applications.

Discussion was held on whether to have one or two winners. The committee has always based winners on population – national AWWA bases their winners on number of connections. Joel Annable proposed that we continue to base our winners on population size. Discussion followed on how to budget sending two winners to the national conference. Tom Smith (board liaison) mentioned that the board is working on a policy to govern committee budgets in relation to funding attendance at conferences. More and more committees are starting to include these funds in their budgets.

Ray Berkin motioned to have two Exemplary WHP Award winners for 2009. Dan Kitchen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Joel A. entertained a motion to keep using population size categories. Alan Erickson so moved. Dave Rich seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Clare, as the only small community based on population size, wins for that category.

Discussion followed regarding the medium population size category winner. General consensus was to choose the community whose application scored the most points.

Ray B. motioned to choose Plainfield Township as the medium category winner. Dave R. seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

The committee tabled the discussion of population size versus number of connections for a future meeting.

2. Review of 2009 Groundwater Conference

Joel A. shared the evaluations from the 2009 Groundwater Conference. He will compile a summary before the February 2010 meeting. The comments were very positive overall.

There was trouble keeping some presenters within their time-frame. Also need to make sure that anyone who suggests a speaker follows up with that person to confirm their participation.

Ideas for 2012 conference:

- Check agendas from other conferences for presentation ideas.
- Field visits.
- Bring in more students with research projects.
- Will talk more about 2012 conference at future meetings.

3. 2009 Annual Conference

Arlene Vincent and Mike Brennan (committee members) will be presenting at the conference.

There is a Groundwater Track this year.

4. The 2010 Annual Conference

Joint with MWEA, August 9th – 13th in Mt. Pleasant.

We will work together with Wayne Kukuk (the MWEA GW Committee Chair) to make sure there are groundwater talks on the agenda.

5. Wellhead Protection Grants

44 applications totaling \$637,000. 5 brand new communities participating.

Joel A. entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Brian Cowham so moved.

Ray B. seconded the motion.

All were in favor of the motion.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.