Welcome:
President Chuck Bryant called the meeting to order. The following were present:

Andrea Collier – Barr Engineering
Brad Gray – City of Willard
Casandra Ludwig – Carthage Water & Electric
Chuck Bryant – Carthage Water & Electric
Clinton Finn – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Connie Ford – Missouri Public Utility Alliance
David Hertzberg – City of Joplin
Dennis Pyle – City of Monett
Doug Colvin – City of Nixa
Drew Cannon – Representative Vicky Hartzler’s office
Gail Melgren – Tri-State Water Coalition and SWMO Joint Municipal Water Commission
Jack Schaller – Olsson Engineering
Jane Hood – SWMO Council of Governments
Jason Choate – Carthage Water & Electric
Jeremy English – HDR Engineering
Jeremy Parsons – City of Ozark
Jessi Veach – CDM Smith
Jill Cornett – Harry S Truman Coordinating Council
Joe Kelley – City of Mt. Vernon
Joe Richards – U.S. Geological Survey
John Forrester – Allgeier, Martin & Assoc.
Laura Kelley – CDM Smith
Leland Butcher – City of Neosho
Loretta Bishop – City of Branson
Mary Norell – City of Stockton
Matt Barnhart – Missouri American Water
Mike Pessina – City Utilities of Springfield
Mike Ray – City of Branson
Milton Dickensheet – City of Nixa
Phil Walsack – Burns & McDonnell
Roddy Rogers – City Utilities of Springfield
Ruth Bozarth – City of Pierce City
Skip Schaller – City of Monett
Tyler Merriott - Senator Roy Blunt’s office

Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2019:
Mr. Bryant asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from March 27, 2019, and none were received.

Matt Barnhart moved, seconded by Roddy Rogers, that the minutes from March 27, 2019, be approved. The motion carried, with all voting “aye”.

Standing Committee Reports:

President:
Mr. Bryant welcomed attendees and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Executive:
Mr. Bryant reported that the executive committee has not met since the last meeting.

Financial:
Treasurer Mike Ray reported that monthly financials for March and April were included in board packets. As of April 30, 2019, the balance in checking was $17,039.54, and the balance in the Prime Advantage account was $478,290.81. Total assets of the Coalition were $495,330.35.

Milton Dickensheet moved, seconded by Mary Norell, that the financials for March and April be approved. The motion carried with all voting “aye”.

Communications:
Mr. Choate reported that a request for qualifications for communications planning has been distributed. The deadline for submissions is May 24, 2019.

Membership:
Ms. Melgren reported having included a 2019 Membership Spreadsheet in board packets. Total revenue for 2019 is $156,447.84. There are 18 members, including eleven municipalities (Springfield, Willard, Nixa, Ozark, Republic, Branson, Mt Vernon, Monett, Joplin, Pierce City, Stockton), three counties (Greene, Jasper, Stone), two private companies (Missouri American and Empire/Liberty), plus Carthage Water & Electric and City Utilities of Springfield.

Legislative/Regulatory:
Will Marrs gave a legislative update by phone. He reported that HB6 passed, including $13.7M for the Department of Natural Resources Multi-Purpose Fund.
Mr. Hertzberg reminded the board that State funding will now be sought through DNR’s Multi-Purpose Water Fund. The board agreed to request funding from the Multi-Purpose Fund in the amount of the request that the board approved last fall. Ms. Melgren noted that the request for funds (in the amount of $985K) which was approved last fall had been included in board packets.

Mr. Hertzberg noted that the current agreement with Governmental Services Group/Will Marrs was complete as of end of session. The board was in agreement that Mr. Marrs had done an excellent job over the course of the session. The board discussed possible future representation, including the possibility of moving advocacy over to the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility. Mr. Hertzberg suggested the executive committee, along with the chair of the legislative committee, meet to consider options. In the meantime, Mr. Hertzberg moved that the agreement with Governmental Services Group be ended as of May 31, 2019.

David Hertzberg moved, seconded by Jason Choate, that the engagement with Governmental Services Group be discontinued as of May 31, 2019. The motion carried, with all voting “aye”.

**Technical:**
Mr. Rogers reported that the technical committee met on April 24th. The meeting gave participants an opportunity to discuss ideas about costs, rates, transmission corridors, and other details of potential future projects being considered as part of the rate study. This meeting helped set the stage for a productive Rate Study Workshop #3.

Ms. Melgren noted that the rate study numbers, especially the ballpark cost-per-thousand-gallons of water for one or more infrastructure project scenarios, will inform discussions about take/pay contracts for possible reallocated water supply from Stockton Lake. She also reminded board members that SWMO Water is not bound by any of the rate study planning scenarios. They are planning level attempts to assess possible transmission, treatment, and costs.

Mr. Rogers noted that the elimination of Lamar from membership changed the rate study corridor planning considerably. Therefore, a modification to the scope of work for the Rate Study has been requested in order to perform additional corridor analysis that will result in more accurate and lower cost options, and to add two more meetings to the schedule. Ms. Melgren will work with KC District Corps of Engineers and MDNR to find additional dollars to fund the additional expense.

**Executive Director Report:**
Ms. Melgren gave a summary of her recent trip to Washington DC. She met with David Leach, principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ water resources projects and on its planning and review processes. Of note from this meeting was Mr. Leach’s/ASA’s emphasis on no new storage reallocations being made from flood pool storage. Ms. Melgren attended the joint Interstate Council on Water Policy/National Water Supply Alliance conference. She noted that the Assistant Secretary of the Army, R.D. James, presented to that group and told them that there would be no new flood storage reallocations. Ms. Melgren noted that a request for flood pool reallocation by Fort Worth, Texas, at Aquilla
Reservoir, had been declined. Ms. Melgren reminded the board that hydropower and flood are geared up to guard their water storage allocations. Ms. Melgren reported having visited with staff in Senator Blunt and Senator Hawley’s office, as well as with Representative Long. She reported that Senator Blunt and Representative Long’s offices were helpful in moving an acknowledgement through House and Senate appropriations subcommittees which, once acknowledged, allow Tri-State Water to contribute funds to year 5 of the Stockton Lake reallocation study.

Ms. Melgren reported she will send out the RFQ for legal services one more time before the May 31st deadline. She has spoken with several law firms about their interest.

Ms. Melgren said she will send out the RFQ for communication services one more time before the May 24th deadline.

Ms. Melgren reported that the fall water conference will take place October 10th. Planning is underway. The Governor has been invited to participate.

Ms. Melgren said she is working with MDNR to define protocols for requests for funds from the Multi-Purpose Water Fund.

Ms. Melgren noted an article, “El Paso to drink treated sewage water” in board packets.

Ms. Melgren asked Mr. Barnhart to give an update on Missouri American’s potential reservoir in Joplin, which he did.

**New Business:**

**Report from the Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission:**
Mr. Rogers reported that Duncan Kincheloe, from Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) and Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities (MAMU), presented to the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Commission at the meeting preceding the Tri-State meeting. Mr. Kincheloe presented on MPUA/MAMU’s history and current organization. He talked about their growing interest in water and the possibility of the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Commission becoming a member of MAMU.

**Reports from legislative or agency officials:**
Ms. Melgren gave a KC District Corps of Engineer’s update. Evaluation of the alternatives is underway, some revisions to the reservoir model are being made. The Stockton Lake water reallocation request/study is still on track for a tentatively selected plan in late September, 2019. Ms. Melgren noted that a current reallocation milestones timeline was included in board packets.

**Presentations:**
Laura Kelley, project manager for CDM Smith, reviewed two revised corridor maps from the rate study.
Adjournment:
Matt Barnhart moved that the meeting be adjourn. The motion carried, with all voting “aye”.

The next Tri-State Water Coalition board meeting will be August 21, 2019.

Chuck Bryant, President (secretary absent)