

**TRI-STATE WATER RESOURCE COALITION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 – 9:00 A.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Welcome:

President David Hertzberg called the meeting to order. He asked those present to introduce themselves. The following were present:

David Hertzberg – City of Joplin, Missouri
Johnny Shepard – Missouri American Water (representing Matt Barnhart)
Skip Schaller – City of Monett, Missouri
Carl Francis – City of Webb City, Missouri
Gene Stanton – City of Mt. Vernon, Missouri
Roddy Rogers – Springfield City Utilities, Springfield, Missouri
Bob Williams – Carthage Water/Electric, Carthage, Missouri
Lynn Calton – City of Lamar, Missouri
Steve Walensky – City of Cassville, Missouri
Tom Pittman – City of Carthage, Missouri
Mike Ray – City of Branson, Missouri
Jason Choate – Carthage Water/Electric Plant
Bob Nichols – Freese and Nichols, Inc.
Earl Pabst – Flutron & McIntosh
Gary Pendergrass – Geo Engineers
Ron Mersch – Olsson Associates
Dick Scott – Olsson Associates
Steve McIntosh – Senator Roy Blunt’s Office
Wally Kennedy – The Joplin Globe
Harry Styron - Executive Director, Tri-State Water Resource Coalition
Nick Heatherly – City of Joplin, Missouri
Susan Champlin - City of Joplin, Missouri

Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2013:

Mr. Hertzberg asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from September 20, 2013. He asked for a motion to approve those minutes as written.

Gene Stanton moved, seconded by Roddy Rogers, that the minutes from September 20, 2013 be approved as written. The motion carried, with all voting “aye”.

Standing Committee Reports:

President:

Executive:

Mr. Hertzberg mentioned the September meeting with Southwestern Power Administration and the water conference which recently took place, along with the Phase 2 supply availability study.

Financial:

Mr. VanDaGriff was unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Styron reported a fund balance of \$340,489.43, with no outstanding bills.

Technical:

a. Summary of meeting with Southwestern Power Administration.

Mr. Rogers discussed the meeting with Southwestern Power Administration, who expressed concern about how they receive reimbursement, and not necessarily the allocation of drinking water. Mr. Styron stated that they want the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be compensated for the loss of hydro-electric potential, in that it requires those holding allocations to pay an up-front one-time fee, plus operation and maintenance in proportion to how much their allocation is.

Those present for the meeting included Mike Denny from the Corps of Engineers and Kathy Tyer, the Washington, DC, liaison for the Southwestern Power Administration. Mr. Hertzberg explained that one of Tri-State's goals is the allocation of water from Stockton Lake and Table Rock Lake, with Southwestern Power having an interest in that pool since it directly affects the electric power that they receive from those lakes. This represents a balance between drinking water, power supply, flood control, recreation, and the release for water for navigation.

Mr. Styron stated that the Phase 2 supply availability study and gap analysis is being concluded, with the final report becoming available by mid-December. Phase 3 deals with the economic analysis of the effective allocation to meet the demand on the reservoirs.

Mr. Rogers stated that some of Tri-State's entities need drinking water and are also power customers. Mr. Styron stated that ultimately the consumers for water and electricity pay the cost.

Communications:

Mr. Hertzberg asked Mr. Shepard if he received a report from Mr. Barnhart, and he replied no. There was nothing new to report at this time.

Membership:

Mr. Rogers had nothing new to report at this time.

Legislative/Regulatory:

Mr. Bingle had another conflict and was unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Hertzberg asked Mr. Styron if he was aware of any legislative/regulatory items, and he was not aware of anything new.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

JMUC:

Mr. Williams stated that nothing new has taken place since the last Tri-State board meeting. He anticipates scheduling a meeting of the JMUC (Joint Municipal Utility Corporation) during January.

Mr. Hertzberg explained that the JMUC and Tri-State are actually two separate organizations. The JMUC has the authority to construct projects and issue bonds and exercise eminent domain if necessary.

Executive Director Report:

a. Discussion of nomination of directors to fill expiring terms.

Mr. Styron stated that Tri-State's by-laws indicate that directors are to be elected at a meeting. The practice has been for every member to serve on the board of directors, with the by-laws originally setting up 14-member board with staggered three-year terms. This procedure has not been followed in the past, but Mr. Styron expressed the need to make the by-laws consistent with how the members have found the best way for Tri-State to operate.

b. Date for election of officers.

Mr. Styron stated that the officers serve one-year terms, with the election generally taking place during January. He asked for a volunteer to chair a nominating committee to see if the current officers wish to continue or not. Pete Rauch has retired, with Skip Schaller being the new representative from the City of Monett. Mr. Styron welcomed Mr. Schaller to the board of directors.

Hal VanDaGriff has indicated a possibility that his participation in Tri-State may be shifted to Kyle Slagle. Mr. VanDaGriff's water supply involvement includes a lake that the City of Branson receives drinking water from.

Bob Williams moved, seconded by Roddy Rogers, that the past president and the current president chair the nominating committee, with the executive committee providing any assistance that they need. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Mr. Styron stated that Tri-State's next meeting is January 15, with the election of officers taking place at that time. He will not be able to attend the January meeting, as he has been scheduled for the last nine months to be in a trial on that day.

c. Recap of Water Conference.

Mr. Styron explained that the attendance for the water conference was down somewhat, with about 70 paid attendees and eight or nine governmental attendees who weren't required to pay the registration fee. There were several good presentations, which he will post to Tri-State's website.

The Phase 2 supply availability report was presented by Mike Beezhold and Donie Grimsley with CDM Smith. The results were the same as those presented to Tri-State in preliminary format during September, indicating supply gaps for the Joplin area immediately if the drought of record should recur, and beginning in 20 years for the Springfield area.

Another presentation was made by Abner Wommack from the University of Missouri Food and Agricultural Research Center. He discussed his work providing technical information to Congress as they consider the farm bill. Several water conservation presentations were also made.

A poultry science bio-engineer from the University of Arkansas made a fascinating presentation about poultry production and poultry processing, and the amount of water involved in that. Since the scale of poultry operations in the western Ozarks is so huge, 400 million gallons of water could be saved during a 45-day growing season by having sprinklers inside the poultry houses instead of installing a swamp cooler on one end of the house. The poultry industry is a huge part of the economy and a huge water user in Southwest Missouri.

Paul Crabtree, who raises small grains for poultry production, discussed the unique problems that he faces in being on the northwest fringe of the Ozarks where the ground water is brackish. He discussed the problems in being able to build impoundments for surface water for that use.

Mr. Styron thought the attendance was down a couple of reasons. Tri-State partnered with Missouri State University (MSU) to sponsor the water conference, with MSU's agriculture school hosting this event. Mr. Styron thought it was possible that people who were friends of Tri-State didn't receive the notices since all the notices were sent out by MSU.

Mr. Styron was not sure the program was much different from previous programs, with many of the governmental attendees dealing with budget shortfalls. The engineers and operators who attended the conference received continuing education units. He has not received the evaluations or the financial impact from the conference at this point.

Comments by Representatives of Federal and State Offices/Agencies:

Mr. McIntosh had nothing new to report at this time.

New Business:

Mr. Hertzberg asked for any new business to come before the board of directors. Mr. Styron would like to schedule a conference call with each standing committee sometime before the end of December. He will send the committee members some date options and schedule the calls.

Mr. Rogers explained that when Gail Melgren took employment with Senator Claire McCaskill, she submitted her written resignation to Tri-State. Mr. Styron asked about some sort for recognition from Tri-State to Ms. Melgren for her service. She was presented a plaque for her efforts with the water conference, but nothing was said about Tri-State on the plaque.

Roddy Rogers moved, seconded by Bob Williams, that the Tri-State Water Resource Coalition prepare a plaque or some type of recognition for Gail Melgren for her service. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Mr. Gary Pendergrass, with Geo Engineers, introduced Earl Pabst, with Flotron and McIntosh. Geo Engineers is a national earth science and technology firm that specializes in innovative solutions to difficult problems like what Tri-State is facing with water supply. Flotron and McIntosh is a governmental consulting firm that also specializes in environmental and energy solutions. They have been following Tri-State's activities for some time and have developed an innovative plan that would complement the work Tri-State currently has underway and dove-tail with that very well, but would also provide a much more immediate source of drinking water and

quality water, and also a means of storage. Mr. Pendergrass has asked to be placed on Tri-State's January, 2014 meeting agenda and will provide all the details of their plan at that time.

Mr. Walensky thought Mr. Styron did an excellent job with the water conference. It flowed very smoothly, with Mr. Styron being able to keep everyone on target and on track.

Mr. Walensky thought the facility was beautiful and thought that might attract more attendees in the future. He discussed the Cassville newspaper's article on Tri-State and Mr. Styron.

Mr. Walensky stated that since Tri-State is starting to get its mission out in Barry County, they are starting to receive more support at least at the City Council level and the Mayor's level, and now at the citizen level. He thought having Mr. Styron on board with his background and the press release was another support element for Tri-State and its mission.

Mr. Hertzberg is excited to have Mr. Styron on board to continue with Tri-State's endeavors with his special strengths on the legal side and the JMUC side.

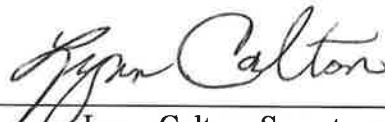
Mr. Bob Nichols attended the conference and thought it was an excellent conference. He suggested that Mr. Styron have some literature about Tri-State available at the next conference. Mr. Styron said that the failure to promote Tri-State at the conference was his oversight.

Mr. Hertzberg thanked Mr. Nichols for his years of service to Tri-State.

Adjournment:

Mr. Hertzberg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Bob Williams moved, seconded by Roddy Rogers, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".



Lynn Calton, Secretary