

**TRI-STATE WATER RESOURCE COALITION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012 – 9:00 A.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JOPLIN, MO**

Welcome:

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

Matt Barnhart – Missouri American Water Company
John Bartosh – Jasper County Commission
Brian Bingle – City of Nixa, Missouri
Lynn Calton – City of Lamar, Missouri
David Hertzberg – City of Joplin, Missouri
Dean Kruithof – City of Branson, Missouri
Michael Ray – City of Branson, Missouri
Roddy Rogers – Springfield City Utilities, Springfield, Missouri
Gene Stanton – City of Mt. Vernon, Missouri
Chuck Surface – City of Webb City, Missouri
Hal VanDaGriff – Empire District Electric
Bob Williams – Carthage Water/Electric, Carthage, Missouri
Steve McIntosh – Senator Roy Blunt’s office
David Rauch – Senator Claire McCaskill’s office
Dick Scott – Olsson Associates
Steve Goehl - D. A. Davidson & Company
Charles Zitnik – D. A. Davidson & Company
Bob Nichols – Webb City, Missouri
Jim Whitford – land owner (in Jasper County)
Gail Melgren – Executive Director, Tri-State Water Resource Coalition
Susan Champlin - City of Joplin, Missouri

Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2012:

Mr. Rogers asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from March 21, 2012. Receiving none he asked for a motion to approve those minutes as written.

Hal VanDaGriff moved, seconded by Matt Barnhart, that the minutes from March 21, 2012 be approved. The motion carried, with all voting “aye”.

President’s Report:

Mr. Rogers reported that Springfield is close to approving the JMUC.

Standing Committee Reports:

Executive:

An executive committee meeting is scheduled to follow this meeting to discuss personnel and membership issues.

Financial:

Mr. VanDaGriff reported that all bills have been paid, with a current bank balance of \$304,738. He confirmed that the 2007 990 issues have been fully resolved in Tri-State's favor.

Technical:

Mr. Rauch was unable to attend this meeting. Ms. Melgren reported that the population and demand study is on track, and that the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continue to anticipate completion of the study this summer some time.

The Kansas City Corps has requested feedback from the Tri-State board regarding a probable additional \$100,000 in Planning Assistance to States funding. It was agreed that the technical committee should meet to discuss this issue.

Communications:

Ms. Melgren reported having presented at the recent Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference in Monett.

Ms. Melgren reported a new contact for the Coalition in Cassville – the Public Works Director who is interested in Tri-State's activities.

Ms. Melgren included in the agenda packet an example article by CU of Springfield discussing their joining the JMUC. She suggested articles about water supply, the JMUC, etc. could be written/published in other regional papers if members have an interest.

Ms. Melgren suggested waiting to do additional outreach to the Stockton Lake area until after the population and demand study is complete. She reported that City of Stockton miscalculated the fees for joining Tri-State and has said they are interested in joining but must wait until next year to see how their financial situation looks.

Ms. Melgren explained that Paul Crabtree from the Southwest Missouri Irrigation Association has indicated an interest in updating Association members about Tri-State activities.

Membership:

Ms. Piper was not present for this meeting. Ms. Melgren distributed a spreadsheet showing Tri-State's membership for 2012, along with number of connections and membership fees. She reminded the board that the City of Joplin and Missouri American Water no longer double-pay for customers in the City of Joplin.

Legislative/Regulatory:

Ms. Melgren reported having gathered information about visiting Washington, DC. She asked the board for feedback about making the trip to visit with federal office holders and/or their staff as well as the Corps of Engineers HQ. She suggested making this visit either ASAP (before the November election), preferably in August, or next spring.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

JMUC:

Mr. Williams explained that Nixa, Carthage, and Lamar have voted to join the JMUC. He did not believe a JMUC board would meet until there are several members. Once that happens the next step is drafting a set of by-laws. He stated that Joplin, Monett, Springfield, and Webb City are currently in the process of joining the JMUC.

Mr. Williams asked members to send a signed joint contract and ordinance, both with original signatures, to Ms. Melgren as a legal record for the JMUC.

Ms. Melgren asked that the date of signature be added by the signors of the joint contract. Mr. Williams stated that the enabling legislation (ordinance or resolution) is dated.

Mr. Hertzberg reported that Joplin's Home Rule Charter states that the City Manager is the contractual officer for Joplin rather than the Mayor.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Melgren explained that planning is in progress for the water conference.

Ms. Melgren congratulated Mr. Rogers for received the Kramer Award for his presentation, *Water, a Global Perspective*.

Ms. Melgren reported that Phil Walsack, of Missouri Public Utility Commission, has created the largest rate survey in the nation, which members may find of interest. She suggested it would be a good presentation for Tri-State.

Ms. Melgren shared a one page summary of the JMUC for use by members when talking with local officials about joining. She also shared a one page flow chart which illustrates the relationship between Tri-State Water Resource Coalition and the JMUC.

Ms. Melgren welcomed Dean Kruithof to the board. Mr. Kruithof is the city administrator for the City of Branson. His alternate will be Mike Ray, the water manager for Branson. Mr. Kruithof expressed interest in Tri-State's activities for developing surface water capabilities.

Comments by Representatives of Federal and State Offices/Agencies:

Mr. McIntosh had nothing new to report. He agreed that a trip by the Coalition to Washington, DC would be helpful, but cautioned that August is not a good time to visit, as the Senate is not in session at that time. He welcomed Mr. Kruthof to the board.

David Rauch had nothing new to report. He agreed that a trip by the Coalition to Washington, DC would be worthwhile and suggested it might be better timed for after the elections in November.

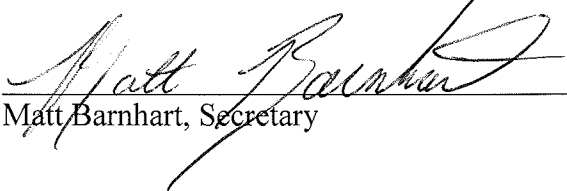
New Business:

Mr. Rogers asked for additional business, and none was received.

Adjourn:

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

Hal VanDaGriff moved, seconded by Brian Bingle, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".



Matt Barnhart, Secretary