



Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2017
9 a.m., Monett City Park Casino, 101 S. Lincoln Ave, Monett, MO 65708

MINUTES

Welcome:

President Skip Schaller called the meeting to order. The following were present:

Amy Beussink – USGS (MO)
Andrea Collier – Barr Engineering
Brad Gray – City of Willard
Brian Clark – USGS LMG (AR)
Cassandra Ludwig – Carthage Water & Electric
Chuck Bryant – Carthage Water & Electric
Devin Smith – USACE KC
Drew Landall – Empire District Electric
Fred Schlegel – MO Department of Natural Resources
Gene Stanton – City of Mt. Vernon
Jack Schaller – Olsson & Associates
Jason Choate – Carthage Water & Electric
Jennifer Henggeler – USACE KC
Jeremy Pruett – Congressman Billy Long’s Office
Joe Kelley – City of Mt. Vernon
Joe Richards – USGS (MO)
Kathy Knierim – USGS LMG (AR)
Lynn Calton – City of Lamar
Michael Weller – MO Department of Natural Resources
Mike Ray – City of Branson
Milton Dickensheet – City of Nixa
Roddy Rogers – City Utilities of Springfield
Sarah Stewart – CDM Smith
Scott Marrs – Governmental Services Group
Skip Schaller – City of Monett
Suzie Carpenter – CDM Smith
Todd Archer – CDM Smith

did virtually nothing to explain the variability of the surface level of the lake. This is information which can help to allay residents' fears that a second reallocation of Stockton Lake water storage might significantly impact the level of the lake in a way that could be damaging to their commerce.

Sarah Stewart and Todd Archer, from CDM Smith in KC, announced that a Table Rock Lake transmission line draft report would soon be complete.

Communications:

Mr. Choate reported that the 16 county citizen water survey was under way. He encouraged coalition members to work with Dr. Ellickson to promote the distribution of the survey – especially through electronic methods like email, or sharing links on web pages. He asked members to approve \$500 to pay for five \$100 gift certificates from Bass Pro Shops which would be used for a drawing – each participant who completes the survey will receive a chance to win one of five \$100 gift certificates.

Gene Stanton moved, seconded by Roddy Rogers, that \$500 be spent on five \$100 gift certificates from Bass Pro Shops to be used in a drawing for survey participants. The motion carried, with all voting, "aye".

Membership:

Mr. Calton welcomed new member City of Republic and noted they will be represented by David Cameron, city administrator for the City of Republic.

Legislative/Regulatory:

Mr. Marrs, from Governmental Services Group, reported on current legislative efforts and the upcoming session in Jefferson City. He said that the budget will be tight next session, especially when tax cuts kick in. He suggested the possibility of seeking seed money to cover a portion of upcoming planning and study costs - perhaps something like \$250K. He said Tri-State Coalition will need to focus on southwest Missouri legislators and communicate effectively.

Mr. Marrs mentioned the possibility of asking the Missouri legislature to approve a \$1 place-holder in next session's budget. That way, if and when the Corps approves the reallocation of water storage in Stockton Lake in the fall of 2018 (the current timeline) a line item in the Missouri budget would already exist and the Coalition could request funding to help pay for the reallocated storage space once the Corps gives its approval.

Mr. Marrs reported that the last legislative session in Jefferson City was highly contentious and warned that the discord could continue in the next session.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Melgren reported having visited marina owners and state park representatives at Stockton Lake to provide information about Tri-State Water and gather feedback from them about their possible concerns. She said these meetings were set up by the Corps of Engineers KC District staff (as part of their communication and public outreach about the reallocation request).

Reports from legislative or agency officials:

Michael Weller, from DNR, reported that the State of Missouri/Department of Natural Resources is enthusiastic about the upcoming process to revise the state water plan.

Mr. Weller noted that a group at state level will soon convene to discuss possible funding mechanisms for potential water projects in the state.

Presentations:

Kathy Knierim, from USGS in Arkansas, gave a presentation on the challenges of creating a site-specific groundwater use record for the Ozark Plateaus Aquifer system.

Adjournment:

Chuck Bryant moved, seconded by Mike Ray, that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

The next Tri-State Water Coalition board meeting will be November 15, 2017.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Stanton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Gene Stanton, Secretary