

CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL WATER EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Monday, May 7, 2018

Present:

City of Ankeny – Mayor Gary Lorenz

City of Des Moines – Mayor Frank Cownie

City of Urbandale – Mayor Bob Andeweg

City of West Des Moines – Mayor Steve Gaer

Des Moines Water Works – Sue Huppert, Board Chair

Urbandale Water Works – John McCune, Board Chair

West Des Moines Water Works – Jody Smith, Board Member

The Central Iowa Regional Water Executive Steering Committee met on May 5, 2018, and discussed our next steps and plans as we move through Phase 2 with Jason Mumm from FCS. Suggestions and ideas presented include the following:

- We would like to ask Jason to make a chart of the various issue to be handled by the steering committee with a priority stated.
- To expand on the previous thought, the idea of a big circle of things and how we would divide up that pie with the priorities forming a roadmap. In this we would hope to identify what each Committee (Steering and Technical/Finance). It was suggested if Jason could lay out a master procedure plan on our actions between now and the conclusion of Phase 2 it would be helpful.
- The question came up as to who the chair of the Technical/Financial Committee will be; we discussed how this will come from the convening of the members of the Committee.
- Mayor Lorenz stated David Jones would be the Ankeny representative on the Technical/Financial Committee. It was suggested a message should be sent from Laura Sarcone to ask each Committee to submit the name of their Technical/Financial Committee representative; unless the group of Ted, Diana and Dale already discussed a way to obtain the designee for the Technical/financial Committee.
- The list of considerations prepared by DMWW (DMWW Board Considerations During Phase 2 Regionalization Discussions) was shared with the Executive Steering Committee. The issues were determined to be excellent and it was suggested we should use this document with the modification of removing DMWW from the title and circulate to the various communities as this should be compiled from all entities. It would be from this combined list of issues we would then prioritize and assign the various topics for discussion and resolution. The group asked if Laura would be able to send this as people have become accustomed to receiving important communication on our group from her.

- The group discussed how there might be a misunderstanding or a point we would want to reinforce regarding water distribution. We need to reinforce this would still be the responsibility as it is today of those handling the distribution.
- Jody shared the information received from Paul Drey in our meeting last week, regarding issues with Iowa Code 388 and 389 and other legal considerations, as well as the invoices we have received. At this point, his recommendation was to possibly ask for a new section of the Iowa Code to address the formation of our entity, but it is too early to determine if this is what we will do. Mayor Gaer felt with our leadership and relationships we have, we would be able to accomplish this. Paul has committed to the work within the 'not to exceed amount' of his contract.
- IAMU might have an interest in discussing a possible new code section, as Paul Drey told us they reached out to him as they had drafted legislation and were interested in the work we were doing as well. Mayor Gaer will reach out to this group, and Sue and Mayor Gaer can follow up on this status, as they were invited and spoke before this group during the legislative session. It was reported to us there are numerous questions around ownership of assets still needing further research.
- We will plan to meet as an Executive Steering Committee meeting on May 23, 2018, and June 20, 2018, at the Urbandale City Council Chambers at 7:30 a.m., for updates of the progress being made. We may also ask Jason to join us by phone for updates important to his work.
- The question was asked as to how many communities submitted information to Jason by the May 4 deadline; we will ask Jason for a follow up on this.