

CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL WATER WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 26, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Des Moines Water Works

2201 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines, IA 50321

Present:

City of Altoona – City Councilmember Vern Willey

City of Ankeny – Mayor Gary Lorenz

City of Des Moines – Mayor Frank Cownie; City Manager Scott Sanders

City of Johnston – Mayor Paula Dierenfeld

City of Urbandale – Mayor Bob Andeweg; City Manager AJ Johnson

City of Waukee –

City of West Des Moines – Mayor Steve Gaer

Des Moines Water Works – Sue Huppert, Board Chair; Marc Wallace, Board Member; Ted Corrigan, Peggy Freese and Amy Kahler, staff

Urbandale Water Works – John McCune, Board Chair; Dale Acheson, staff

Warren Water District – Andy Fish, Stan Ripperger, staff

West Des Moines Water Works – Karen Novak, Board Chair; Diana Wilson, staff

Also in attendance: Jason Mumm and Melanie Hobart, FCS Group; and members of the public.

1. Welcome – At 4:05 p.m., the meeting began.
2. The Work Group adjusted the proposed agenda and began a discussion on regional control of assets. Mayor Andeweg suggested that this process would be easier if McMullen and Saylorville Water Treatment Plants were assets of the new regional water authority. Mayor Lorenz suggested additional regional representation to the existing Des Moines Water Works board. Several alternatives were discussed, including: 1) Expand existing Des Moines Water Works Board with regional representation; 2) Contributed asset ownership transfer; and 3) Transfer all water production assets. Mayor Gaer reiterated his goals of the new regional utility was ownership, control and decision making. Metro members are willing make larger investment up front because better for region long term. The process needs to address risk of privatization of utility; find fair market value of assets; value of purchase capacity agreements.

Please see Workshop 3 workflow notes attached for more detail.

Mr. Mumm will set-up comparison of scenarios.

Meeting ended at 5:50 p.m.