

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF WATER WORKS TRUSTEES  
PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Present (or Participating by Video or Audio Conference Link):

Board Members: Ms. Susan Huppert, and Mr. Graham Gillette

Staff Members: Nathan Casey, Ted Corrigan, Kyle Danley, Doug Garnett, Amy Kahler,  
Mike McCurnin, Melissa Walker, Lindsey Wanderscheid, Michelle  
Watson, and Dylan White

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. How We Tell Our Story – 2024 Communications and Outreach Update

Melissa Walker shared with the group her presentation on 2023 communications and looking ahead into 2024. She highlighted that Des Moines Water Works aims to promote water quality discussions in Iowa and reinforce its commitment to source water protection. It addresses concerns regarding water safety, affordability, and government distrust through transparent communication and proactive initiatives. Efforts include engaging with stakeholders, adjusting communication strategies based on feedback, and emphasizing financial stewardship.

2. COO's Comments

Kyle Danley shared with the group about a recent significant grass fire at the back of the park. Due to the inaccessible location, the Des Moines Fire Department faced challenges in reaching the fire and deploying equipment, resulting in the loss of several structural items including three MidAmerican power poles and part of a train bridge. The group discussed potential future changes to ensure better access in similar situations.

3. Public Comments - There were no comments from the public.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.