

NEWARN Board of Directors Meeting, October 29,2014 @ Aurora City Hall, Aurora, Ne.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Melcher. Board members present were Eric Melcher, Dennis Watts and Ken Swanson. Advisory committee members present were Kristin Luebbe and Rich Koenig. There were not enough board members present for a quorum so only discussion was held on agenda items.

The meeting agenda and the previous meeting minutes were acknowledged as presented.

Cope wasn't present for the treasurer's report so Eric and Dennis presented what activity they knew had taken place since the last meeting. The bills for printing the news letter and mailing it were reported. The printing bill was \$579.49 and postage amounted to \$159.63. Since the previous balance was \$1645.75 the new balance should be \$911.63. As far as anyone knew there was no other activity. Term limits for our sponsors was brought up it was suggested to see how many are due for renewal. Rick asked me to look back on what was in the minutes for the length of sponsorship terms and report back to him so he could check when donations were received and if they are due to be renewed. Also regarding the treasurer's report, we have been contacted by Cope Clark that he will be resigning from the board . So there will need to be a new treasurer appointed and another vacancy on the board to be filled. Discussion on potential candidates was held. A couple of possibilities were mentioned and would be contacted. If anyone knows of someone who would be willing to serve let Rick know.

The news letter has been printed and mailed out. It was then discussed when would be a good time for the next letter to be done. Dennis suggested it would be good if we could get one printed and sent out just before the NeRWA spring conference since it usually is well attended by the smaller system operators. It was also discussed on possible ways to get a mass mailing out electronically to systems that have e-mail access to help defer costs.

Dennis then gave the web-site update. Since September 1 there have been 130 visits averaging 35 seconds in length. Since August 1 there have been 196 visits averaging 53 seconds in length. Since the first of January this year until October 30 there have been 537 visits averaging 2 minutes 14 seconds in length. Rich Koenig reported that he had contacted the party that has the you-tube video of the Pilger tornado to ask permission to allow it to be put on our web-site but he hasn't received a response back from them yet and he said he would follow up on this. He also reported that the DHHS suggesting NEWARN membership will be part of the Sanitary Survey starting in 2015.

Rich then gave a report on the upcoming power point presentation on emergency preparedness highlighting the Pilger tornado and other events that will be presented at the AWWA Conference in Kearney. Rick asked that any board members present to be available to help answer questions regarding NEWARN.

Dennis reported that NEWARN now has 174 members.

At the AWWA Fall Conference NEWARN emergency assistance certificates of award will be presented to the communities and individuals that assisted Pilger during their crisis. There was an up date on the annual NEWARN emergency assistance award and it was decided at the end of the year to have selections made for the committee to review and select then bring before the board to approve. Then give the award out each year at the Rural Water Spring Conference and then also mention the recipients at other conferences held throughout the year.

Chemical spill notification was then discussed. More information is needed on how the process now is handled so we can determine what needs to be done on our web-site to help notify involved communities and systems.

Drought assistance was discussed and Dennis is going to contact Bruce Dvorak at UNL to see if they have any links on their website that could be added to ours to assist anyone in need.

The next NEWARN meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 22, 2015 in the Aurora City Hall at 10:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

Respectfully submitted, Ken Swanson