

NEWARN Board of Directors Meeting, June 3,

2015 @ Burwell, Nebraska Fire Hall

Board Members present were Rick Melcher, Don Christen, Doug Pollack and Dennis Watts and Ken Swanson via conference call. Advisory Committee member Rich Koenig was also present via conference call.

Chairman Melcher called the meeting to order at 1:16 pm.

Chairman Melcher asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Being none Don C. made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Ken S. 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the previous minutes were for review next. Ken S. asked for clarification on the number of member communities. 180 were reported at the previous meeting but on this meetings agenda 175 members was given. Dennis W. said the number should be 176 members so Rick asked Ken to correct the number in the March meetings minutes which Ken said that he would do. Ken then made a motion to accept the previous meetings minutes with the corrected membership number. Don C. 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Don then gave the treasurer's report. The balance as of June 3 is \$276.63. Don had talked to Chuck S. our former treasurer and will get the treasurer's documents from him. Rich K. suggested that Rick look back on previous year's bills so a bill can be presented to AWWA and paid out of their \$750/year available donation to WARN. Don would notify Shirley at NLOM to let her know that we will be receiving a check from AWWA. Dennis then gave the web-site report.

The number of member communities was then reconfirmed at 176.

NEWARN board member nominations were next discussed. Dennis sent out notices for nominees and only one was received, Tom Menke from Chadron. Rick then asked the board if they knew of any other potential candidates. Don Christen suggested asking Steve Goochey from Ord and Rich Koenig suggested asking either Kim Neiman or Ken Wiechman from Pilger. Rick then asked for a motion to accept these as nominee's contingent to them accepting the position. Don C. made that motion and Doug P. 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Rick then brought up the election of officers. Before the election was held Rick gave the board notice that due to a career change he would no longer be eligible to serve on the NEWARN Board of Directors. He then asked for nominations for Board Chair. Don nominated Dennis Watts for chair. Being no other nominees Ken made a motion that the nominations cease. Doug P. 2nd the motion. Motion carried and Dennis will serve as our new chairman. Next nominations for vice chairperson were asked for. Rick nominated Doug as vice chairperson but it was declined. Dennis then made a motion to nominate Ken as vice chairman. Rick 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Ken will serve as the new vice chairman. Don was then nominated to serve as treasurer by Rick. Dennis 2nd the motion and the motion carried. Don will serve as the new treasurer. Ken then made a motion to nominate Doug Pollack as secretary. Don 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Doug will serve as the next secretary.

Rick then asked the Board's thoughts on using the LNM, NSAWWA and Rural Water's newsletters instead of publishing one of our own. Don suggested we take advantage of this resource to save our funds since it is quite costly to publish and mail our own newsletter. The rest of the Board agreed to this suggestion. Dennis thought that we should try and get articles for them to publish at least twice a year like in the 1st and 3rd quarter.

In other miscellaneous discussion Rick asked if it would be alright for him to ask the new person that is taking his position at Aurora to finish out his term on the NEWARN Board. The Board said that would be okay if the new person is agreeable to this. Members of the Board then thanked Rick for all of his hard work and dedication helping to make NEWARN happen and wished him luck in the future.

The next meeting will is scheduled to be held in Aurora on September 10 2015 @ 10:00 am.

Being no further business Dennis W. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don C. 2nd the motion. Motion carried.