

NeWARN Board of Directors Meeting, March 17,2014 @ Heartland Event Center, Grand Island, Ne.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Eric Melcher. Board members present were Eric Melcher, Bob Smith, Jim Green, Cope Clark and Ken Swanson. From the advisory committee present were Richard Koenig, Kris Luebbe and Robert Pierce. Chad Roberts from the City of Norfolk was also present sitting in for Dennis Watts who was unable to attend.

President Melcher presented the agenda for the meeting. Cope Clark moved to accept the agenda as presented. Bob Smith 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes from an informal meeting held in Kearney @ the AWWA Fall convention last November that had been sent to all Board members prior to the meeting were discussed next and Pres. Melcher wanted to know if all had received them and if there were any corrections that needed made. None were requested and Cope Clark made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Jim Green 2nd that motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented next. Chuck Schmid not being able to attend had sent his report to Pres. Melcher prior to the meeting. Rick reported that the balance as of 3/17/2014 was 1645.75. A copy of this report is included with these minutes. Motion was made by Bob Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report and Jim Green 2nd the motion. Motion Carried

Pres. Melcher then asked for an update from the news letter committee. Ken Swanson and Kris Luebbe reported that no requests for WARN assistance or other events had been reported to them. It was brought up if any assistance during the Wayne tornado was needed. Rich Koenig reported that the city had been able to maintain system pressure and as far as he knew no assistance had been asked for.

The web site was discussed next. It was mentioned by Bob S. that he has noticed that it still lists some systems in the wrong field areas.

NeWARN workshop presentations was next on the agenda. Rick said that most of the presentations have been about the website and how to navigate thru it, then the floor is opened up for questions and responses. There still is a need to line up more workshops in the western area of the state where it is felt that the word about WARN still needs to get out. It was suggested that if Tom Menke from Chadron joins our board maybe he could help with some presentations in that area.

Rick next reported that there currently are 165 members of WARN so there is still a lot of work that needs done getting the word out and recruiting more systems.

Elections of Board of Directors was discussed next. Rick would like the board to think about and consider having members of the board serve three year terms with the first year 4 members coming due for re-election, 3 members coming due the 2nd year and then the last 4 coming due the third year. Currently Bob Smith, Pat Davidson, Doug Pollack and Ken Swanson are due up for re-election and the vacancy for

Allen Boyd's seat needs to be filled. He would like to discuss this at the next meeting and formally approve such an action.

Rick next asked the board to think about the Virginia chemical spill and how we would react to such an event if it happened somewhere in our state. Also he would like to discuss possible drought conditions and responses at the next meeting. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 6th or 8th in Grand Island and further information will be sent out prior to then.

Being no further business Cope Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Jim Green 2nd that motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted, Ken Swanson NeWARN secretary.