

## **NEWARN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 @ AURORA CITY HALL, AURORA, NE.**

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Dennis Watts at 10:05 a.m. Board members present were Dennis Watts, Jim Green, Darrel Eggli, Ken Swanson and Pat Davidson via conference call. Advisory committee member Rob Pierce was also present. Chairman Watts presented the agenda then asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jim made the motion to approve the agenda and Darrell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was approved. Since there wasn't a quorum present at the previous meeting Dennis discussed the minutes from that meeting to bring everyone up to speed on what was discussed. Blast e-mails, possible articles to put in our associates from Rural Water, AWWA, LOMN and NHHS news letters were some of the topics discussed at the last meeting. Dennis asked the Board to send any ideas that they might have for these articles and e-mails to him. Drought was brought up as one idea for an article and a blast email reminding operators to check well static and drawdown levels and production more frequently this time of year will be sent out. Moving on Dennis then gave the treasures report for Don since he was unable to attend. Rob brought up that he had checked with Shirley at the LOMN and gave corrected expenditures and fund balances. The new figures were \$320 expenditures to BPRO and a corrected balance of \$256.63. Jim made a motion to accept the corrected treasurer's report and Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Dennis then gave a report on our web site. There was 189 visits so far and the average length of visit averaged 2-9 minutes. It was also discussed if we need to have access for the associate members to our web site so they can view system information when needed. Dennis said that he would check into getting this access set up for them. He then gave an update on the members list. Presently there are 177 members with Falls City who recently joined and Fremont has said that they will soon be joining which will give us 178 members. Rob brought up Lincoln and asked if possibly the wrong City official was contacted which may be a reason why they had never joined. He said he would contact Donna Garden from the Lincoln System to check and see if maybe they would be interested in joining. Training sessions were discussed next. Rob said he had time set aside in his water operator training sessions the rest of this year to discuss NEWARN and what it is about and the need to join. He asked if any of the board would like to assist him at any of these seminars. Dennis said he could help at Albion, Darrell at Aurora and Jim Green said he could help at Chester. Rob said to keep it in mind and if anyone wanted to help at any of the other sessions just let him know. Blast e-mails were discussed next. Dennis said the problem with these e-mails is that it only reaches about 60 of the members, which are the only ones that have provided an e-mail contact address. It was suggested that articles be sent to the associate members so they could be included in their news letters that they send out. Rob said that it would be no problem getting these in the LOMN news letter as long as we get the information to him. Dennis then asked everyone to be thinking of possible candidates for the NEWARN annual award. Goals for the year were discussed next. Dennis asked the Board to come up with a list of goals. After discussion these goals were set. 1) To develop articles for the associate member's news letter 2) List Board members contact information on the website 3) Look into other communication options like face book, twitter, etc. 4) Do a better job of tracking assisting events and aid 5) How to become a WARN member – ask board member, visit website, ask current members. Sponsor donations were discussed next. It was decided to keep the gold member donation at \$250 which would give the donor their name and a link to their website on the WARN website. Donations < \$250 would be silver members and would get their name on the website. Donations were to be made out to NEWARN %Shirley at the LONM.

Dennis said he would get Shirley's contact information and send it to all board members. It was suggested to send a request for donations to all engineering firms in the state and also to suppliers. The next meeting was scheduled for September 27, 2016 again in Aurora. Being no further business Jim made a motion for the meeting to adjourn and Darrell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.