
Minutes

Technical Committee
Central Iowa Water Works
June 24, 2025
Des Moines Water Works Board Room
2201 George Flagg Parkway
Des Moines, Iowa
8:30 a.m.

Present: Dustin Delvaux (CIWW), Jeff May (Clive), Tim Royer (Waukee), Matthew Jacob (Urbandale Water Utility), Kyle Danley (DMWW), Randy Franzen (Polk City), Andy Fish (Warren Water District), Neil Weiss (Urbandale Water Utility), Lyle Hammes (WDMWW), Matt Van Wyk (Warren Water District), Shawn Buckner (Ankeny), Kevin Hensley (Grimes), Matt Greiner (Johnston), Matt Ahrens (Grimes), Lindsey Wanderscheid (DMWW), Wayne Schwartz (Norwalk), Daria Dilparic (WDMWW), Tami Madsen (CIWW), Amy Kahler (DMWW), Christina Murphy (WDMWW), Mike Schulte (Polk City)

ITEM 1: Call to Order

Kyle Danley called to order at 8:32 a.m.

ITEM 2: Roll Call

ITEM 3: Stage III Update

Kyle Danley provided updates on nitrates. There has not been much change and rain is in the forecast for the week.

Tami Madsen talked about sod farmers and how their business activities have been disrupted by the ban. The goal of CIWW is to meet safe water standards for people and she also understands the need to consider how it impacts businesses. AE2S has a task order of how to help handle this situation. She requested a committee with members of the Technical Committee to work with AE2S. Kyle Danley, Neil Weiss, Shawn Buckner, and Andy Fish volunteered to be on the committee.

Tami Madsen has advised that the 48 hours' notice for people to stop watering their lawn is up. She wanted communities to state if any of them have been taking any action. Jeff May investigated Clive's city code with their attorney and was not sure if they could turn off water for anything other than non-payment and that they've had a 90% reduction in irrigation use. Neil Weiss stated that Urbandale did shut off a few people yesterday but after some conversation they turned them back on. Urbandale figured it would be confusing when messaging is one community is turning off water but not the neighboring community across the street. Wayne Schwartz advised that Norwalk is starting at noon today with water shutoff on customers they have advised 3 or more times for violating the ban. Shawn

Buckner stated that Ankeny is on the verge of shutting people off who get the notice and continue to water.

Tami Madsen is also working with AE2S to come up with a plan for how to enter phase III if that happens in the future. If they disregard ban there is potential to violate the safe drinking water act. She also articulated that people are reporting violators to the water ban and if communities aren't acting, there may be a loss of trust from community members who are trying to help enforce the ban.

Christina Murphy wanted to know if the group should put together some guidelines.

Jeff May said Clive isn't opposed to it but still is worried about codes. Other concerns are that to shut off some irrigation water, drinking water also needs to be cut off.

Tami Madsen stated that sod farmers and sod installers have contacted anyone they could, letting them know that they are going to lay the sod and it's the property owner's responsibility to water. Some sod companies are worried that they are losing business because they are following rules while others aren't.

Tami Madsen sent out a letter to over 130 people - including board members, council members and more – with appreciation for their cooperation throughout this time. She was wondering if she should send out the daily graphic about water quality to all the people on the list. Christina Murphy clarified that the information was not reaching all the people at the top and she supported Tami Madsen's proposal to send it out to the bigger group. Neil Weiss, Tim Royer, Matt Greiner, and Jeff May agreed that it should be sent out. No one voiced an opinion against. Tami Madsen stated Dustin Delvaux will provide each Technical Committee member with the group that is relevant to their area that it is getting sent to so that they can suggest additions to the list.

ITEM 4: Other Business

ITEM 5: Adjourn

Chair Danley adjourned at 9:02 a.m.