

**BIOSOLIDS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2006**

The following people were in attendance at the Biosolids Committee Meeting on April 18, 2006.

Jim Reynolds,	Snyder & Associates	Billy Chen,	IDNR
Ron Lacina,	Muscatine WWTP	Jim Rasmussen,	Howard R. Green, Inc.
Dave Clark,	OMI	Steve Troyer,	Fox Engineering, Inc.
Ken Goering	Fairfield WWTP		

Members that e-mailed/phoned in their absence included Scott Wienands, Mike Thompson, Jim Jordahl, and Hank Pangelina.

The meeting started at 1:00 p.m.

New committee members were welcomed, including: Ken Goering, City of Fairfield; Dan Miers, City of Indianola; and Hank Pangelina, City of Council Bluffs.

Discussion started by reviewing and approving the committee meeting minutes of January 17, 2005.

The committee has not received the financial summary of the 15th Annual Biosolids Conference yet, but the estimated attendance was around 80 people. Steve Troyer reviewed the comments/feed back received from the conference attendees. Overall, the conference received “very good” and “excellent” ratings. The majority of the speakers were also received very well. Committee members reviewed the comments received and suggested topics for future conferences.

Committee members then discussed possible topics for next year’s conference. Possible “themes” for next years conference include operations and thickening/dewatering. One suggested topic was looking at the long term effects of applying biosolids to the same land. Ron Lacina indicated that Muscatine has recently started sampling/testing of all their land application sites. They test for P, K, & metals, but only have three years worth of data. Jim Reynolds thought there should be some information available in the literature. Other possible topics included: thickening/dewatering technical information and/or case studies; record keeping/sampling; biosolids storage options, lagoon cleaning; reed beds; Amana’s use of hybrid poplar trees in buffer zone; and follow up from Laura Johnson on her research. This is a good list for next year. Committee members are encouraged to think of possible presenters for these topics and additional topics. The date for next year’s conference was selected for Wednesday, March 14, 2007. Jim Rasmussen will reserve this date with DMACC.

includes ease of travel to the location. Hot Topics conferences are generally schedule 3 – 4 years out. The committee members present decided to table any action or further discussions until the next meeting.

Committee members discussed reviving the IWPCA Biosolids Awards Program. It has not been pursued in recent years due to lack of interest from Cities. Ron Lacina indicated that Muscatine is in the process of applying for a national EPA award for their biosolids program. He has been in contact with the EPA regarding the criteria for this award. Steve Troyer will find and review the IWPCA awards applications used in the past for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Thanks Again for all your hard work and dedication to the Biosolids committee, if it weren't for you the IWPCA would not be as GREAT as it is!!!

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June at the IWPCA State Conference in Ames.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Troyer