

BIOSOLIDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 15, 2008

The following people were in attendance at the Biosolids Committee Meeting on January 15, 2008.

Billy Chen,	IDNR	John Haase,	Cedar Rapids
Jim Rasmussen,	Howard R. Green, Inc.	Ken Goering,	Fairfield
Dennis Hayworth,	DMACC	Ron Lacina	Muscatine
Hank Pangelina	Council Bluffs	Dan Miers	Indianola
Steve Troyer,	Fox Engineering, Inc.		

Members that e-mailed/phoned in their absence included Mike Thompson, Mike Madsen & Scott Wienands.

The meeting started at 1:15 p.m.

Discussion started by reviewing and approving the committee meeting minutes of December, 2008.

The next item of discussion was the 17th Annual Biosolids Conference, scheduled for March 19th, 2008. The conference presentations have been finalized and the brochure has been sent out. There are still a few speaker information forms that need to be turned in. Please get these to Steve as soon as possible so we can get CEU approval.

Other preparation items for the conference:

- Need to report the number of registrants to DMACC one week prior to the conference for meal counts. Give a final count 48 hours prior to the conference.
- We will again be setting up the IWPCA booth at the entrance to the auditorium. Steve will line this up.
- Registration: Scott & his staff will again be taking the conference registrations this year. The registration list should be emailed to Jim & Steve. Jim will prepare the list for on-site registration/check-in, and also the sign-up sheets for CEU's. We will have one sign-up sheet for the morning and one for the afternoon session. Steve will prepare name tags and bring marking pens and extra conference brochures for on-site registration. Jim will bring a receipt book and cash bag. Ron, Hank, Dan, & Ken all volunteered to help out with on-site registration. Rolls and coffee will be provided near the registration desk.
- Hank will send a letter and copy of the conference brochure to the six IDNR regional directors inviting them to attend the conference free of charge.
- Steve will make sure that the conference brochure gets posted on the IDNR website, and will email an electronic copy to all committee members. Dennis will look into getting this published on the IAMU and IDNR websites.
- It was suggested that copies of the biosolids conference brochure be available at the maintenance conference.
- It was suggested that next year we add the WEF/IWPCA membership number to the registration form so we know who is already a member.

- For those that lined up speakers, please make sure that they get a copy of the conference brochure and have adequate directions. Touch base with them a week or so prior to the conference, and find out whether they will be attending lunch.
- Steve will prepare the conference evaluation form.

The next item of discussion was the possibility of co-hosting a biosolids specialty conference with Nebraska. Brian Bakke and Scott were planning to talk with the Nebraska folks. Since Brian & Scott were not present at the meeting, this was tabled until next meeting.

Steve reviewed the 2007 Biosolids Committee Report and 2008 Budget that was submitted to the IWPCA Board at the retreat last week. He also reviewed the preproposal that Dr. Thompson has submitted to the board. He will be requesting \$2000 in funding from IWPCA (total project cost is \$7250) for studying endocrine-disrupting chemicals and phosphorous in Iowa soils amended with biosolids. Steve indicated to the board that the Biosolids Committee supported this research effort and partial funding by IWPCA.

The final item on the agenda was a discussion of the Biosolids Field Guide. IWPCA does not have any more copies of the guide that was originally produced in 2000. Before making more copies, the committee should review the content and format. We could look at reducing the size to make it fit in a front shirt pocket, or laminating each page to make it more durable. Billy indicated that he may have some extra copies of this. He will check and let us know. He could bring any extra copies to the conference. This item will be reviewed further at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at about 2:00 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 April 16, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Troyer,
Biosolids Committee Chair