

**MINUTES - WWA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING  
Friday, March 31, 2010**

1. Opening of Meeting

i. Roll Call/Welcome

*Present: Nancy Quirk (Chair), Kevin Richardson (Vice Chair), Dave Lewis (Senior Trustee), Ann-Perry Witmer (Trustee at Large), Jim Chaffee (International Director), Joe Finn (Trustee at Large), Frank Miller (Trustee at Large), Richard Hope (Past Chair), Katie Karow (Trustee at Large), and Kelly Zylstra (Secretary/Treasurer).*

2. Old Business

i. Legislative Issue

*Nancy led a discussion on SB 620 and AB 844, bills that are coming to public hearing at 9am today and cover the groundwater legislation. Nancy emailed information from MEG and a draft letter on behalf of WWA opposing the bills and how the legislation was crafted. Nancy reported that WRWA would be present at the public hearing but she was not aware of any WWA representation at the public hearing. It was pointed out that WRWA is sending a letter and it takes a more aggressive stand. Joe and Kevin agree with the letter Nancy drafted. Kelly doesn't see how we can keep our diverse membership happy at all times and wants WWA's role with the legislation to be to provide the information to our members so they can form their opinions and contact their legislators. Frank disagrees with the process of how the bill was crafted; no input from the water industry professionals. Ann expressed concern that this was precedent setting and wants WWA to act as a resource and not an advocate when it comes to legislation. Richard expressed that the WWA Board in the past decided to take a more active role in legislation. Nancy offered to modify the draft letter to further stress that we disagree with how the legislation was crafted. Frank noted that utilities that are already MEG members are opposed to the legislation and have already taken a position. Katie stated that supporting MEG is appropriate but may be difficult if there are specific issues in the bill that may no appeal to our diverse membership. Ann would like to see WWA set the information out to our members and have the utilities send the letters. Nancy has concern that this won't happen since WWA has been sending information to our members since March 15<sup>th</sup>. Richard stated that we are elected to the Board and must do what is in the best interest of the water industry. Dave agrees with sending the letter as it is.*

**Richard Hope, with Frank Miller seconding, made a motion to send the letter Nancy drafted as written. A roll call vote was taken. Richard-yes, Nancy-yes, Kevin-yes, Dave-yes, Ann-Perry-no, Katie-yes, Frank-yes, Kelly-no, Jim-yes, Joe-yes. 8 agree, 2 opposed, motion passed.**

*Nancy will work with Jill to get the letter on WWA letterhead to the Senate and the Assembly.*

**Kelly Zylstra, with Ann-Perry Witmer seconding, made a motion to adjourn at 8:24a.m. All were in favor, motion carried.**