

# **Alabama Section of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA)**

Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2009

## **Opening:**

The Board Meeting of the Alabama Section of the AWRA was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on April 1, 2009 at the Alabama Rural Water Association's office in Montgomery, AL by Milt Ward, President.

## **AWRA Alabama Section Committee Members Present:**

Ken Odom, Marlon Cook, George Marodis, Sabra Sutton, Milt Ward, Ashley McVicar

## **Others Present:**

None

### **A. Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the Annual Business Meeting held on September 4, 2008 in Orange Beach, AL were reviewed and accepted as presented.

### **B. Financial Report**

The Financial Report was presented by Sabra Sutton. The report indicated an ending balance of \$8,363.76 as of February 27, 2009. The financial report was accepted as presented.

The committee agreed that student housing will continue at the Perdido Beach Resort. It was decided to reserve eight (8) rooms at an approximate cost of \$80.00 per night for an approximate total cost of \$1,600. The following room stipulations will apply:

**No Spouses are allowed, No Children are allowed, No Coed rooms allowed.**

The 2008 expense for the Seafood Social at the Florabama was approximately \$5,200.00. The committee agreed that John Morris would take the lead with the arrangements of the 2009 Seafood Social. Ashley will request from John that he get an estimate from the Florabama for this year's event.

The committee agreed by unanimous vote, to exclude live music from the Seafood Social. It was determined that a CD for background music would be sufficient. The money saved by not having live music may go towards the purchase of Speaker Gifts.

As the new Treasurer, Ashley McVicar will be added to the bank account and will receive signature authority.

### **C. Sponsorships**

The committee decided to ask John Morris to take the lead in raising funds for the 2009 Conference/Symposium. Ashley made the comment that John may not have as much time to devote to raising funds this year as he has had in the past. Marlon advised that he would contact his sponsorship contacts as well.

#### **D. 2009 Conference/Symposium**

The 2009 AWRA Alabama Section Conference/Symposium has been scheduled to take place on September 9 – 11, 2009 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL. The major emphasis for the Conference will be Water Policy.

The Theme for this year's Symposium will include issues relating to Water, Energy, and Policy.

The committee agreed to present Dennis Block with the following topics for the Symposium:

- 1) *Ethanol Production & Water Use*- Potential Speaker Dennis Bragg
- 2) *Environmental effects of Bio Diesel Generation* - Potential Speaker Rob McElroy, Daphne Utilities
- 3) *Ecological Impacts/Environmental Flows*- Potential Speaker(s) Paul Freeman & Mary Davis, Nature Conservancy
- 4) *Energy Production & Water Sustainability*, Ashley will contact potential speaker from Alabama Power
- 5) *Water Policy Issues*, Sabra will check for potential speaker

(Marlon will contact Dennis Bragg, Sabra will contact Rob McElroy, and Ken will contact Mary Davis and Paul Freeman.)

Milt suggested that once identified, the Policy Speaker could be invited to speak at the University of Alabama which would allow the University to share in the travel expenses required to procure said speaker.

#### **E. Other Business**

The Water Resources Association Sections of Florida and Georgia are interested in the possibility of future joint meetings with the AWRA Alabama Section. A meeting in Panama City Florida is being proposed to discuss this issue. The exact date is yet to be determined.

Due to the potential liability to the AWRA Alabama Sections board that exists by serving alcohol at the Seafood Social, the possibility of obtaining liability insurance was discussed. Milt's research on the matter indicated that the annual cost to the AWRA Alabama Section would be approximately \$1,300.00. The committee agreed that the cost was prohibitive. The committee discussed the possibility of obtaining insurance just for the Seafood Social event only.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. by Milt Ward

The next general meeting will be held on May 7, 2009 at the Alabama Power Water Course Building in Clanton, AL.

Minutes submitted by: George Marodis

Approved by: