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Board Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2014

Attendance – Russ Martin (present), Jim Tyrell, Alyssa Rusiecki, Dave Clark, Lauren Usilton, Dick Bachelder (phone)

Approval of January 28th & March 6th meeting minutes – A motion was made by Dave Clark to accept the minutes of both meetings; seconded by Lauren Usilton. Motion was passed.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Dave Clark reported a \$735 deposit and a balance of \$21,078.06 in the MAOWP account. He has received an invoice from NOWRA for 40 memberships. Payment can be made in two installments if desired. There were a total of 46 memberships sent to NOWRA and Dave will reimburse for that amount (\$1,840).

President's Report – Russ Martin reported that MAOWP still need candidates for the President and Vice President positions for this year. New officers should have been elected from the selection of officers presented at the January meeting to be effective March 1. Russ suggests sending an email to the membership looking for candidates.

NOWRA Updates – Russ Martin reports:

- NOWRA, in conjunction with some manufacturers, has hired a lobbying firm (Thomas Cassidy of Arnell Golden Gregory) and has raised approximately \$25,000 for funding to go toward lobbying efforts emphasizing onsite treatment vs. wastewater treatment plants. Tom Cassidy will be one of the keynote speakers at the NOWRA Annual Conference in November.
- The call for papers has gone out for the NOWRA Annual Conference – only 10 slots available.
- Office space – WEF has given NOWRA an extension of four months to find new office space.
- Onsite Journal has been mailed. NOWRA will try to put out two each year.

Old Business

- **Installer Outreach & Examination** – The consensus was that, if moved forward, a MA-specific exam should be developed. Alyssa suggested sending a letter to the Boards of Health asking them to share their exams. She will put together a letter and send a draft to the Board for review and then to Linda to be emailed.

- Title 5 Revisions – Document was posted on website with disclaimer.
- MEHA Meeting March 12 – Russ was not able to attend the MEHA meeting due to inclement weather. Steve, Alyssa, Dave and Dan attended. Positive reaction from Board of Health agents.

New Business

- Website/Webmaster – need to decide on who will be a Webmaster for the site or to continue to use Amy Hamlet.
- Merger with MWPCA – need to decide whether to explore that possibility. Further discussion at the next meeting.
- Articles of Incorporation – Legal name needs to be changed; membership needs to vote on change; and a two-thirds vote needs to be obtained.

A motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Next meeting – Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the NEWEA Office.