

**MINUTES OF THE 311th MEETING OF THE
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT
AND ENERGY RESOURCES AUTHORITY
425 Madison Street
Second Floor
Jefferson City, Missouri
February 11, 2014
10:00 a.m.
Telephone Meeting**

EIERA MEMBERS: Andy Dalton, Chair (phone participant)
Ryan Doyle, Vice-Chair (phone participant)
Deron Cherry, Treasurer (phone participant)
LaRee DeFreece, Secretary (phone participant)

EIERA STAFF: Karen Massey, Director
Joe Boland, Deputy Director
Marcus Rowe, Administration and Project Manager

LEGAL COUNSEL: David Brown, (phone participant)
Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C.

**OTHER PHONE
PARTICIPANTS:** Eric Cowan
Tom Liu
Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Larry Richardson
Arthur Staub
Nicole McKenzie
Wells Fargo Securities

Karen Walker
Siebert, Brandford Shank & Co., LLC

(AGENDA ITEM #1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dalton called the 311th meeting of the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (the "Authority") to order at 10:00 AM. Chair

Dalton took roll call and asked that the meeting record reflect a quorum was present.

(AGENDA ITEM #2) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Ms. Massey began by explaining that Missouri communities are facing more stringent federal drinking water and wastewater treatment requirements. These requirements are having a financial impact on all systems and can be particularly challenging to smaller, rural communities many of which are steadily declining in population.

MDNR staff has developed an affordability analysis process as required by law.

Based on its experience in implementing the affordability determination process and feedback from stakeholders, MDNR now wishes to refine the process.

The State of Nebraska is in the final stages of developing a tool called AWIN (Assessing Wastewater Infrastructure Needs) Sustainability Model. AWIN is a probability model that determines the sustainability risk of a community's ability to pay for infrastructure needs in the future by analyzing population trends, economic status and resources. MDNR has reviewed Nebraska's AWIN model and feels that it could serve as a basis for the development of a Missouri specific model that would enhance MDNR's affordability process, particularly for small, rural communities.

MDNR has asked the Authority to enter into and manage a contract for the development of a similar decision making tool to assess the financial ability of Missouri communities to meet their future water and wastewater infrastructure needs. Staff recommends hiring Wichita State University to provide these services to Missouri.

Ms. Massey stated that the cost is not expected to exceed \$60,000 and that most of the information developed through this project should be available this fall and finalized within one year. MDNR will reimburse the Authority for out of pocket expenses, staff time and overhead.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Cherry and seconded by Ms. DeFreece to authorize the director or her designee to negotiate and enter into an agreement on behalf of the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority with Wichita State University relating to the assessment of the financial capability of communities to address wastewater infrastructure needs in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. By roll call vote, Ms. DeFreece, Mr. Doyle and Chair Dalton all voted in favor. Motion carried.

(AGENDA ITEM #3) ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Dalton asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Cherry and seconded by Mr. Doyle to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, Chair Dalton, Ms. DeFreece and Mr. Doyle all voted in favor. Motion carried.




