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## Minutes

Technical Committee  
Central Iowa Water Works  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Des Moines Water Works Board Room  
2201 George Flagg Parkway  
Des Moines, Iowa  
10:00 a.m.

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Present: Dustin Delvaux (CIWW), Kyle Danley (DMWW), Matthew Jacob (Urbandale Water Utility), Neil Weiss (Urbandale Water Utility), Royce Hammitt (Xenia), Daria Dilparic (WDMWW), Kevin Hensley (Grimes), Lyle Hammes (WDMWW), Josh Heggen (WDMWW), Gary Eshelman (WDMWW), Steve Mount (WDMWW), Tim Royer (Waukee), Andy Fish (Warren Water District), Randy Franzen (Polk City), Melissa Walker (DMWW), Wayne Schwartz (Norwalk), Shawn Buckner (Ankeny), Jeff May (Clive), Tami Madsen (CIWW), Jerry Freestone (Clive), Ted Corrigan (DMWW), Matt Greiner (Johnston), Lindsey Wanderscheid (DMWW), Amy Kahler (DMWW), Don Clark (Ankeny), Christina Murphy (WDMWW)

ITEM 1: Call to Order

Chair Kyle Danley called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ITEM 2: Roll Call

ITEM 3: Source Water Quality Update

Kyle Danley provided a nitrates update. The Raccoon River is lower than the Des Moines River but DMWW will remain pulling source water from Des Moines River due to Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) on the DM river pumps that allow more flow adjustment. Finished water is around 8 mg/L of nitrate. Customer demand has been around 50 MGD for the past three days. Waukee and Ankeny have turned off one ASR each.

ITEM 4: FAQ Update – Discussion

Tami Madsen has had several communities who would like to turn back on the splash pads because of the rising temperatures. There is belief that this is an equity issue, and a very minimal amount of water is used for splash pads (1 MGD) versus irrigation and lawn watering (40 MGD).

Ankeny, Des Moines, Grimes, Johnston, and Clive expressed desire to allow splash pads to be turned back on with a reduction in hours. Ted Corrigan stated that it is a free family activity for the communities. Matt Greiner advised the benefits of resuming splash pad activities with the rising temperatures. Jeff May referred to the wording in the Water Shortage Plan Stage III that it is specifically

a reduction in lawn watering and irrigation and emphasized that they are not in Stage IV. Kevin Hensley considered whether this was a Technical Committee decision or a Board of Trustees decision.

Waukee and West Des Moines were both willing to support the decision of the Technical Committee with a clear message provided for distribution.

Urbandale expressed a desire to have splash pads remain off. There was concern that turning them on while continuing to enforce a lawn watering ban would add to the confusion and discontent of the communities. They stated that if the Technical Committee did vote to turn the splash pads on, communication and messaging would be important.

Tami Madsen addressed Kevin Hensley's concern by informing the committee that the 28E enables the Technical Committee to move into water shortage plans based on capacity and demand levels.

Matt Greiner recommended opening splash pads at a 50% reduction in hours with a reevaluation in a few days; Christina Murphy seconded. Passed by voice vote: 11 Ayes; 1 Nay – Neil Weiss (Urbandale).

Tami Madsen brought concern from the community about lawn pests during this time of year requiring pesticides, using water, to control. The Technical Committee stated that the water use should be minimal in these types of situations.

There was a brief discussion over the release of the messaging and when splash pads should be turned on.

ITEM 5: Other Business

No other business.

ITEM 6: Adjourn

Chair Danley adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.