

**SWMAC Membership Subcommittee Meeting**  
**June 5, 2008**

Subcommittee Members Present:

David Furr  
Bob Anderson  
Bonnie Sullivan

Subcommittee Members Absent:

John Matthews

Staff Present:

Jeff Bickford

Meeting called to order at 11:02 am by David Furr.

Jeff mentioned that there were two items for consideration on the agenda. First, the subcommittee needed to address the application by Kyle Elwood for the Public Health represented position on the Council. Second, the subcommittee needed to discuss the status of members that have been absent from a large number of consecutive SWMAC meetings recently, and what we wanted to do about that.

Item No. 1 – Kyle Elwood’s application for the Public Health position

It was noted that the Public Health position has been open since the end of March 2008, when David Phelps officially gave notice that he was not renewing his position on the Council.

Bonnie said that she had been at one of the meetings where Kyle had quit the Council, and he was exhibiting hostile behavior, which made her question her interest in the Council. She said that with the current Council membership being much better, she would not like a return to that type of atmosphere on the Council.

David stated that while he feels Kyle is a good person, he feels that he has difficulty managing his passions while discussing certain issues at SWMAC meetings. He said that Kyle has had two opportunities to be a productive member, and it’s important to have constructive relationships that are cooperative and collaborative, even when you don’t necessarily agree on an issue. Therefore, he doesn’t support Kyle’s application.

Bob said that he generally agreed with David. He stated that he wanted to make a decision today on whether we wanted to continue to consider Kyle for a position on the Council. He thought that Kyle’s past behavior at the meetings would not make him a suitable candidate for seating as a member.

Jeff stated an overall agreement with the opinions of the other three. He also mentioned that as a member of the public, he is still able to attend the meetings and give input on issues during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Bob made a motion to recommend that Kyle Elwood not be considered for a position on the SWMAC. Bonnie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

#### Item No. 2 – Consistently Absent Members

Jeff stated that this issue relates to a couple of members that have missed a large number of consecutive meetings lately. The two discussed were Nora Schliske and Thomas Smith. Jeff mentioned that Thomas has notified the Department a couple of times during his absence, but we haven't heard much of anything from Nora.

After some discussion, it was decided that David would contact both Nora and Thomas and check on whether they had a continued interest in remaining on the Council, and if so, we would like them to become active again. If they say that they are not interested anymore, he would request that they put in their resignation. If we end up with no response at all, the Council could choose to make a recommendation of action to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

*Minutes prepared by Jeff Bickford, Marion County*

*A recording of the meeting is available.*