

Meeting opened at 6:08 pm

Lee Worsley and Butch Lawter welcomed presenters Robert and Giovanni from Black and Veatch for the regionalization feasibility analysis.

Robert thanked the study members for their participation in the study. He stated the objective is to provide a basis in understanding the current situation and of the process before us and outline the path by which regionalization can be achieved for maximum benefit.

Question raised about why our area has higher cost per million gallons than national/regional averages. Maintenance is a big piece, preventative maintenance is much more cost-effective than reactive, also buying goods as the needs arise rather than having reserve goods.

The idea was raised about each local government should decide whether to send an elected official or staff person to a regional committee, maybe both (one from each).

Robert outlined the immediate next steps:

- Develop a regional committee
- Initiate the authority formation activities
- Organization assessments
- Stakeholder engagement plan

The idea was raised about developing a one-pager with more detail than just meeting highlights. CPRC can dive into the report and figure out how to take highlights from that to get each members' boards on the same page.

Robert reminded the group that the first step is just a resolution of intent to participate in the process, determining whether each committee member is in or out comes two years from now in the implementation process.

Annexation was brought up. Lee responded the key is that the county as a whole needs a plan as to where we want to push the growth. How can the water and sewer authority work with municipalities to establish growth where we want it to happen?

Johnston knows growth is coming, knows maintenance is an issue, some of the details we get bogged down on are less important than the larger discussion being held about cooperation in the future. Committing to being a part of the discussion is the value. How do we message this to not scare off board members who are worried about giving up assets and impacts to each individual community?

For next meeting: How can we get some information out to each board so they feel more a part of the process? Does each board need their own presentation? We need to figure out how to best message this to show the benefits and the road map at a high level.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.