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AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF OKLAHOMA
Water and Environment Committee
Friday, June 26, 2026
11:00 AM
In Person and TEAMS Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Chairman Bryce Callies called the meeting to order.

2. Discussions:
    a. Executive Report:
        i. ACEC National Water & Environment Conference: The committee discussed final planning efforts for the ACEC National Water & Environment Conference, which will be held August 27 – 28, 2026, in Oklahoma City at The National Hotel (First National Center).
        ii. Planning updates included:
            1. A dinner is being planned for Wednesday, August 26, prior to the conference. Mike Thompson and Bryce Callies requested to participate.
            2. A Congressman Tom Cole fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on August 27, with the Colcord Hotel and First National Center being considered as potential venues.
            3. The conference dinner will follow at 6:00 p.m. at the First National.
            4. Chris Browning is scheduled to provide opening remarks.
            5. The committee discussed adding a session on tribal water rights.
            6. ACEC Oklahoma will extend an invitation to Congresswoman Stephanie Bice to participate as a speaker.
            7. Additional technical session topics under consideration include:
                a. SAWS water reuse initiatives
                b. Groundwater and Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR)
            8. For August 28, the committee discussed arranging bus transportation for attendees to and from the National Weather Center for the planned tour.
    b. Committee Business
        i. Agency coordination happy hour August 26th before the National dinner where there will be a strong push for membership and policy considerations
        ii. Discussion of Subcommittee Chairs
        iii. The next meeting is September 17th @ 2:30pm in Tulsa before the ACEC/ODOT Partnering Conference. – The Policy Subcommittee should have topics for consideration for this conference.
        iv. The next Agency policy meeting is October 12th-ish. This date will be confirmed with agency heads and shared.
    c. Subcommittee Business
        i. Stacy – chair for Policy Subcommittee

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ii. Marc will get national info. and policy docs. to Stacy before the September meeting. The committee will get Stacy members.
iii. Gary – Chair for Annual “retreat/conference” and will work on an add for membership and plan to lead discussion and planning for “retreat/conference/meeting” in 2027
iv. Marc will book happy hour room
v. Bryce will send agency invites for happy hour

3. Other Business

4. Adjournment