

★ **Roll Call Number**

Agenda Item Number

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Date February 14, 2011

Communication from Mary Gottschalk, advising of her resignation from the Water Works Board of Trustees, Seat 2, effective immediately.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive, file and accept resignation with appreciation for her service.

Replacement to be appointed by: Mayor Cownie

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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Mayor

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City Clerk

From: mary gottschalk [mcg9258@gmail.com<mailto:mcg9258@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:21 PM  
To: Frank Cownie  
Cc: Chris Hensley; Robert Mahaffey; Halley Griess; Skip Moore; Chris Coleman;  
Chris Coleman; Brian Meyer; David A. Carlson; Huppert, Susan; James Grant; Randy  
Beavers  
Subject: Des Moines Water Works Board position

Mayor Cownie

I have expressed my concern, since my first month on the Des Moines Water Works board, about the high proportion of the board's time and attention that is devoted to operational issues that are rightly the purview of management and staff.

I believe this approach not only inhibits the board's ability to focus on its proper fiduciary roles - an independent perspective on policy, strategy, and oversight, based on the best interests of Des Moines Water Works and its customers - but also impairs the board's ability to hold staff accountable for their decisions and actions.

With Bob Riley's resignation, I anticipate that this intrusion into operational matters will consume even more of the board's time. It is not a role in which I wish to participate.

I am, therefore, tendering my resignation, effective immediately.

A formal letter of resignation will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gottschalk

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