

Minutes
12/9/08 - MWOA Central Section Meeting
St. Cloud Technical College

8:00 - Registration

8:35 - Opening comments and welcome from Joyce Hellens,
President SCTC.

8:45 - Shane Lund from the City of St. Cloud presented information concerning the storm water permit program. (a point of interest - there are 250 NPDES storm water permits in Minnesota) He spoke about Public Education and Outreach utilizing the Web, Cable Access, Newsletters, Brochures, the school district (water festival and teacher workshops), Target the Business community, and the Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance.

Bottom line is to begin with the end goal in mind and develop partnerships to accomplish the goals.

9:25 Jorja Dufresne presented a Biosolids update. She recapped the 2007 crop year, talked about upcoming on-site inspections and provided an EPA update which included new regulations and new standardized testing.

10:00 - Networking Break

10:15 - Jim Ruchheim from Solar Bee spoke about pond systems.

11:00 - Brian Mehr talked to us about Bio-solids drying.

11:30 - Kay Curtin did a great job with a routine subject providing an update on need-to-know. She spoke about creating a need-to-know guiding document rather than a study guide.

12:00 - Lunch

12:50 - Keith Yapp spoke to the group about pipe lining. He used the St. Cloud 8th Street project for an example.

1:25 - Chris Muller form the St. Cloud Fire Department did another great job with a routine subject, updating us on Confined Space entry, covering rules and regulations, monitoring and ventilation and PPE

2:05 - Opening of the Business meeting.

2:05 - Craig Carlson presented the minutes of the Cambridge meeting of
Motion to accept minutes as read - Steve Danniels
Second - Mike Neis
Motion passed on a voice vote.

2:10 - Brian Mehr presented the minutes of the Clear Lake Meeting of
Motion to accept minutes as read - Steve Danniels
Second - Allan Young
Motion passed on a voice vote.

2:15 - Brian presented the Directors Report. Topics:
- Annual Meeting to be held July 29-31 in Grand Rapids
- Executive Board meeting was held at SCTC on the previous Friday, with the budget being approved
- Budget report.
- Membership Committee within the central section to try to reach the west end of our section to boost membership.
- Central Section computer

2:25 Allan Young made a motion to purchase a computer for up to \$500
Second motion by Steve Danniels
Motion passed on a voice vote.

2:31 - Operator of the year balloting was opened.
An initial request for nominees to supplement nominations submitted earlier by email and mail. Mike Johnson was nominated by Ron Egler for Class C operator of the year.

2:34 - Second Request for additional nominations - none

2:35 - Third Request for additional nominations - Steve Stark was nominated for Type 4 operator of the year.

2:38 Motion to close nominations by Keith Redmond.
Motion seconded by an unidentified MWOA member in attendance
Motion passed on a voice vote.

Voting for Operator of the year begins.

2:42 - attendance slips were distributed

2:42 - request for nominations for Secretary of Central section.
- none, Nominations will remain open and be addressed at the
April section meeting in Hutchinson.

Voting for Operator Of The Year closed.

Section meeting door prize drawing held while votes were
tabulated

2008 operators of the year:

Class A - Brian Mehr (Hutchinson)

Class B - Paul Stock (St. John's University)

Class C - Paul N

Class D - Jeff Degrote (Clara City)

Lab Operator - Rene Sol (St. Cloud)

Maintenance Operator - Robert Rierson (Becker)

Collection System Operator - Jerome Burmeister (Hutchinson)

Rookie of the Year - Don Lumley - Albertville

Motion and second to adjourn meeting, passed with enthusiasm on
a voice vote.