

## **MINUTES**

### **CENTRAL SECTION MWOA MEETING CITY OF HUTCHINSON**

**SEPT. 14<sup>th</sup> 2004**

The meeting was opened at 8:30 a.m. with a brief welcome by mayor Marlin Torgerson of City of Hutchinson.

Troy Heimerl from Electric Pump gave a presentation on wireless communication using the Crystal Ball. It can be used to monitor pumphouses, lift stations , water towers , wetwells, etc. It can be hooked up to your PC and monitored.

Dave Holcomb, from TT Technologies Inc. gave presentation on pipe bursting.  
There are three different methods.

Pneumatic pipe bursting which is the most widely used.

Static pipe bursting

Mechanical Hdd

Dave also gave some history on pipe bursting . This technology has been around for 25 years.

Jeff Janiksela from Infratech talked about high pressure water cutting of roots.

Jeff gave us a brief overview of this process on his laptop and passed out handouts.

Rich Lucas, from Scott Equipment, talked about sludge drying.

The City of Hutchinson is currently using their system for drying sludge.

Rich gave us a very detailed overview of this process on his laptop.

Bill Soulliere from ISCO spoke on flow proportional sampling.

Bill explained there are some advantages of this.

- Control volume of sample being taken
  - Control number of times you want to sample
- Can sample any time in a 24 hr. period.

Don Stansberry ,Bill Soulliere from ISCO and John Mason from Tech sales spoke on Equipment Programming.

Bill explained how to program the sampler and hooking this up with flow meter. etc.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

The Business meeting was opened by chairperson, Ron Mergan at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes of the previous were read.

Motion was made by Tim Blocky to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Second by Keith Redmond.

Two 15-year awards were given out by Director Clay Watson.

Keith Redmond spoke on water training classes that will be starting. That consists of 16 classes, which will be 20 credits. Dept. of Health is putting on this class.

Class will be free with population under 3300. Population over 3300 there will be a fee.  
Bill Spain was wondering if MWOA would be interested in starting a scholarship for Brain Ferricks a student that was killed on his way to work.

Chairperson Ron Mergan mentioned that there would be a conference on the environment at The Thunder Bird Hotel in Bloomington, which would be a 1 day, class.  
Also mentioned we are looking for people for nominating committee for operator of the year.  
Next meeting will be held at St. Cloud Tech. College on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Polo shirts- 20.00  
Long sleeve denim shirts- 30.00

Director Clay Watson gave report on annual conference held in Duluth.  
Operator of the year awards.  
Class A- Lawrence Heils from MCES.  
Class B- Doug Krammer from Watertown  
Class C- Harold Carstens from Hector  
Maintenance- Rick Phelps from Rochester  
Lab- Glenn Bauer from Melrose  
Rookie- Joe Adelman from Bloomington  
Collection- Linda Mullen from Apple Valley  
Loyal service- Steve Lipinski from Duluth  
Special Recognition- Jerry Blabach from MVTL

Randy Poores is the President elect.  
Also noted that attendance was very good 180 registered.  
The annual conference next year will be held at Marshall in the southwest section.  
Future conferences will be held at  
Grand Rapids in 2006  
St Cloud in 2007

Also noted that new Directors are.  
Linda Mullen from Apple Valley  
Clay Watson from Golden Pump  
Darrel Neihause from Winnebago  
Howard Jacobson from Duluth

Jerry Balbach is the editor for WasteWatcher you can send Jerry articles and pictures to be printed in the WasteWatcher.  
6- scholarships were given out 3 to SCTC students the other 3 were given out to Vermilion students. They were 250.00 dollars apiece.

Then a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Keith Redmond and second by Ken Bocky  
4- \$5.00 prizes were given out  
A tour of the Hutchinson Wastewater Treatment Facility followed.