

Metro/Suburban Section Meeting

September 27, 2000

Golden Valley Public Safety Facility

The September 27, 2000 meeting was held at the City of Golden Valley Public Safety Facility. Merlin Thorn, Utility Superintendent for the City of Golden Valley, welcomed the group of 28 to the meeting and gave an overview for the day.

The first speaker was Mark Wallis, a design engineer with Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik & Associates. Mark presented to the group on design considerations for lift stations. The presentation ended with good discussion on how the operator's can get involved in the planning of liftstation work for their utilities.

The second speaker was Tim Miller a Project Manager/Owner with Electric Pump of Bloomington, Minnesota. Tim presented on the types of control (floats, pressure transducer, ultra sonic & conductive probes) systems that are available for pumping control. Tim's presentation ended with much discussion on the specific applications that the group was familiar with in their own cities utility systems.

The third presentation was put on jointly by Phil Parson's of Parson's Engineered Products and Chuck Arent of Prafil. The presentation was on the types of package order control units that Prafil manufactures for lift station applications.

The fourth and final presenter of the morning was Larry Blurton of the Inver Grove Heights Water Utility. Larry presented on the operation of the cities new water treatment plant, which has been on line for close to two years.

The meeting broke for lunch, which was on your own. The meeting was held within walking distance of many fine-eating establishments so that was very convenient.

Business Meeting

After lunch, the business meeting was called to order by Metro/Suburban Section Director Ken Kuchera.

The April 14, 2000 meeting minutes were read by Secretary Joel Schmidt. A motion was made by Gary Indrehus that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Merlin Thorn and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Director Kuchera discussed meeting agenda goals and the possibility of the next section meeting to be held at Pig's Eye was discussed. The meeting months are as follows: February, April & September. Suggested topics were solicited from the group.

Director Kuchera discussed the nomination process for operations awards and encouraged the group to get in nominations for the different award classifications. The nominations must be in to the Section Director by the 1st of May each year. If anyone would like nomination forms they can be obtained by contacting Director Kuchera.

Director Kuchera discussed the September 8, 2000 Executive Board meeting which was held in St. Cloud. Major points discussed were as follows:

1. Review of the 2000 Annual Conference held in Shakopee. A special thanks was extended to Gary Indrehus and those that helped Gary.

2. Change of the annual meeting date from July to June. The Board decided to keep the meeting in July.
3. Reviewed the 2001 Annual Conference planning progress. The meeting will be held at the Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN.
4. The availability of the new MWOA denim and polo shirts was discussed. The status of the availability of these shirts will be published in the November issue of the Wastewatcher.
5. Director Kuchera mentioned the MWOA web site as a resource.
6. Director Kuchera thanked Merlin Thorn and the City of Golden Valley for hosting the meeting.

A motion was made by Randy Poore to adjourn the Business Meeting. Greg Seeman seconded the motion and the Business Meeting was adjourned.

Afternoon Technical Session

The afternoon consisted of touring the Golden Valley Public Works Facilities and a TV sewer demonstration. The meeting ended at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully,

Joel W. Schmidt

Metro/Suburban Section Secretary