

SOUTHWEST SECTION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2002  
CITY OF WINDOM, MN

Business meeting was called to order at 11:30. Minutes from the May 8, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

St. Peter had asked if anyone was interested in sharing in sponsoring a Class A & Class B class taught by Bill Vogeler. Asked to speak with St. Peter people if interested.

New Business:

The question of fecal coliform results required by the MDH to be "flagged" because they are not able to be received and tested by contact labs within the 24 hour holding time was brought up. The MPCA still appears to be accepting the results, but operators are concerned about future results. It was mentioned that the MDH is also considering enforcing a 24 hour limit on BODs, although the EPA apparently allows for a longer holding time on both of these parameters. It was noted that the MDH is now doing a study on it's own contracted sample results for the same reason. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Question regarding the joint meeting with the SE Section resulted in a aye/nay vote in favor of continuing the joint meeting. The SW Section tends to lose money on these meetings. For future meetings we will determine the costs ahead of time and will work with the SE Section to be determine how many from our section will actually attend. From this we discussed the possibilities of vendor sponsored meetings or raffles. It was suggested that we eliminate door prizes that are not donated. A vendor suggested that his business might show interest in helping to sponsor a meeting in lieu of door prizes. This may be continued at future meeting.

Possible sites for the February meeting are Tracy or Springfield. We will contact these places to determine interest.

Directors report from Jerry Balbach:

Steve Carson resigned as director and his term will be filled by Bob VanMoer through August 2003. Jerry discussed joint training with Rural Water, Central States, AWWA and MMUA, with a possible meeting at the MMUA training facility at Marshall.

The 2004 Annual will be in the NE Section and the 2005 Annual will be in our section. The MPCA is now requiring bids be taken for their annual conferences. This has resulted in the January Collection Systems Annual being held at the Radisson South. It is still ot certain where the Wastewater Annual will be held.

The MPCA may be hiring a new training person and is looking a filling the position with a wastewater operator.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully, Linda Minich, Sec/treas