

WVOA LMD Meeting Suring, WI – August 19, 2010

By Bernie Hengels

Black Bear Trail Golf Club was chosen for the August 19, 2010 LMD meeting. A shorter agenda was prepared with a morning plant tour and an open afternoon allowing the members to take in some golf. We had a total attendance of 61 with 6 vendors taking advantage of both indoor and outdoor exhibit space.

Following registration, Chairperson Kari Dennis introduced Suring Village President Jay Tousey, who offered up a kind welcome to the Village. Immediately following Chairperson Dennis proceeded with the LMD business meeting. In this meeting, we were able to discuss and approve the meeting minutes from the May 20 meeting with a motion to approve by Kevin Skogman and seconded by Brian Helminger. Then the treasurer's report was presented by me, with mentions of all incoming monies and all expenses since the May meeting.

Next in the business meeting was a call from Chairperson Dennis for any old business, of which there was none. On to new business was a thank you to Les Steffek and the Village of Suring for hosting this meeting, and to recognize WVOA Board of Directors member Kelly Zimmer and DNR representative Bob Hannes for attending today's meeting.

The August meeting is the time to nominate and vote for incoming 2011 Vice Chair. From the floor a nomination for Jeff Smudde was taken from Brian Helminger. There were no other nominations and a vote was taken to nominate Jeff Smudde as the incoming Vice Chair. A motion to accept this nomination was taken from Bernie Hengels and seconded by Tom Kruzick. Following no other discussions a motion to close was taken from Tom Kruzick and seconded by James Krueger. A move was made to vote and all LMD members were asked to vote with a show of hands. The show of hands indicated that all voted "aye" to make Jeff Smudde our incoming Vice Chairperson for 2011.

Next up was a DNR update as read by Chairperson Dennis. It was mentioned that Dick Sachs could not be here today and that he had sent some notes for Chairperson Dennis to read. Update is as follows: 1) Applications are being accepted for the Nov 3 Operator Certification Exams. If you need an application, go to the DNR website or contact Dick Sachs for one. Application deadline is Oct 6. 2) The Advanced Laboratory study guide has been revised. As the new exam follows the revised guide, make sure to get a current copy for study materials. The Study guide can be found on the DNR website. 3) New rules are now effective that require electronic submittal of discharge monitoring results. All reportable forms are to be online by Oct 1. Following that, DNR will no longer mail printed monitoring forms. Information can be found on the DNR website, and through your local DNR Basin Engineer. 4) The thermal rule will be effective on Oct 1. After that date the DNR must consider thermal effects of discharge to surface waters. 5) The phosphorus rule is currently under legislative review and the public comment period has ended on the draft Lower Fox River TMDL.

Following the DNR report, Chairperson Dennis relayed that Dale Doerr had provided a few WVOA updates that would be scrolling as a PowerPoint during break and lunch time today. This information includes details for the upcoming Annual Conference at the Kalahari in October.

Chairperson Dennis went on to mention that LMD has put together an Operators Challenge team for Kalahari event. Team members include, John Guadagni, Holly Blazer and Kim Williams. All

are from Green bay Metropolitan Sewerage District. We wish the team luck in bringing the title back to LMD!

Nominations for Operator of the Year were taken earlier in the summer and our Operator of the Year will be announced at the Awards Banquet in October.

Our next regional meeting will be in Denmark this November.

Chairperson Dennis then accepted a motion to adjourn the formal meeting from Glen Guerts and seconded by Brian Helminger. Business meeting adjourned.

Les Steffeck, Director of Public Works for the Village of Suring then took the stage to provide an introduction to the wastewater facility and to offer directions. The members then drove over to the plant and were asked to return so that we could pick up the meeting at 10:30am.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, Chairperson Dennis introduced Everett Russell of Dorner Company who led us through a session entitled “Valves 101 – Operation, Troubleshooting and Repairs”. Everett’s extensive mechanical and electrical background was evident as he walked us through valve / actuator maintenance and repair. Several sample components were used to aid in his presentation.

A break with the vendors came next with donuts, sweets, juice and coffee provided by Energenecs Inc.

Next up was Chuck Wanstrom, Sales Manager of Schwing Bioset. This presentation was entitled “Biosolids: Considering Class A...What is Best For Me?” Chucks presentation took us through the Alkaline Stabilization Process accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation with examples of facilities from within and out of the state of Wisconsin.

Larry Henderson of Energenecs followed with a presentation entitled “Phosphorous Harvesting and Filtration – Addressing High Loadings and Low Limits”. Larry entertained with a discussion of the problem – Excess Phosphorus, high loading, low limits and moved to a solution discussion of BNR, effluent filtration, Phosphorus recovery and recycling. Further he went on to discuss new technology including renewable energy.

The members then enjoyed a buffet picnic lunch and a chance to hit the links.

Respectfully submitted by:
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