

WVWA LMD Meeting
Hortonville, WI - Nov 10, 2011

The November 10, 2011 meeting was hosted by the Village of Hortonville and took place at the Grand View Gold Club in Hortonville. It was a beautiful setting with a light snow falling and a total attendance of 80.

Chairman **Kris August** was running late so he had asked Vice-Chairman **Jeff Smudde** to kick off the meeting. Vice Chair Smudde started the meeting by introducing Village Administrator **Patrick Vaile** who not only gave a warm welcome to Hortonville, but also regaled us with a bit of the history of Hortonville. Did you know that the founder of Hortonville, Fr. Alonzo Horton, later went on to found San Diego CA? Neither did I.

Our first presentation was from **Mark Duerr** of Mulcahy Shaw Water entitled "*INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT FLOW MONITORING AND SAMPLING*". The second presentation was from **Eric Fisher** of Strand Associates entitled "*USING SCADA TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION*".

We then rolled into the LMD Business Meeting with the first item on the agenda being the approval of the August 18, 2011 meeting minutes. Copies were made available both online and at the registration desk that morning. We had a motion to accept from **Travis Coenen** and a second by **Dick Sachs**. There was not any additional discussion and the minutes were approved by the membership. In the role of Treasurer, I was called up next to present the Treasurer's report. We then moved to Old business and there was none – so we moved to new business. Vice-Chair Smudde wished a warm "Thank You" to Administrator Vaile and to Public Works Director **Carl McCrary** of Hortonville and to the Grand View Golf Course for hosting the meeting. Also a big THANK YOU to HD Supply, our break sponsor. **Dick Sachs** of the the DNR was then asked to give his update. Dick advised that the scores from the November 2 Operator Certification exams would be sent out by the end of the month. Further if you do not receive your scores by that time, please contact Dick Sachs. Then Dick mentioned that the DNR had filled some vacant positions, including: Jim Schmidt – a long time central office employee had filled the Effluent Limits Calculator position previously held by Jeff Haack and that Dave Stertz transferred from the dam safety program to take the Wastewater Engineer position vacated by Jim Savinski. On the state level, Dave Argall moved from the Customer Services and Licensing Program to be our Database Systems Manager – previously held by Gail Mills.

Vice-Chair Smudde then asked me, **Bernie Hengels** to hold up the **Region of the Year** award that had been presented at the annual conference in LaCrosse. Congratulations to the LMD members for earning this award. There was no additional new business items and the membership were asked for a motion to close the meeting. This motion was made by **Kevin Skogman** and seconded by **Brian Helminger**.

Following the business meeting, we had a break so that the members could visit with the vendors in the hall. The break was sponsored by HD Supply.

Next up was a presentation by **Owen Smith** of WI Dept of Workplace Development on the WASTEWATER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. Our 4th presentation was from **Larry Henderson** of Energenecs on BIOGAS SYSTEM ECONOMICS.

Lunch was provided by local caterer Romy's and turned out to be a hit with the members.

Following lunch we moved into a presentation by **Jan Scott** of Unison entitled "BIOGAS...WHAT IS THE FUTURE – BIOMETHANE AS A TRANSPORTATION FUEL".

Immediately after the Biogas discussions, we welcomed **Jesse Hass** of Hortonville WWTP and **Jeff Kellner** of McMahan to the podium to give us an overview of the recent plant upgrades and to present with pictures a review of the plant upgrade process. Following this, we were given directions to the plant and concluded this portion of the meeting and left for the plant tour.

Respectively submitted:

Bernie Hengels
Secretary and Treasurer – WWOA / LMD