

March 3, 2022

WWOA Lake Michigan District Business Meeting

- Meeting called to order by Adam Filz at 11:04
- Treasurer's report was made by Josh Steffeck. LMD account balance is now at \$ 6,000.00
- Business presented:
 - The DNR update was provided by Roy van Gheem.
 - Exams have begun, offered 6 days a week for in person, 7 days a week for online proctored exams.
 - It will take 1-4 weeks after the DNR application is submitted to be contacted by the test proctor PSI via email to schedule the exam.
 - There are two separate fees to take an exam, one to the DNR and one to Psi for the proctor service.
 - It is recommended to use a personal computer due to issues with security settings.
 - More info is available on the DNR webpage including a 19-page handbook.
 - Staffing updates: Sarah Adkins hired as a municipal permit drafter out of Green Bay; Trevor Moen hired as a wastewater engineer out of Oshkosh.
 - A webinar and public comment period on the Northeast Lake shore TMDL was held 12/16/21
 - Old Business:
 - A reminder was given that we are looking for participants for the operator challenge, anyone interested can contact Joe Watson or Adam Filz for more information
 - A reminder was given to submit nominations for awards, nominations are due August 1st
 - New business:
 - We are still looking for two meeting sites for 2022
 - There are \$1000 grant opportunities available from the state WWOA.
 - State WWOA state board presentation was given by Aaron Eichhorst
 - The upcoming spring biosolids symposium will be held March 22nd in Stevens Point.
 - The 2022 annual conference will be held in Green Bay October 4th-7th.
 - 3, \$2000 scholarships and 1, \$5000 scholarship will be awarded
 - Any business or vendors who are interested in donating or sponsoring a scholarship can contact WWOA
 - Please take the time to submit nominations for regional awards
 - There were issues with notification settings following the new website rollout, default settings were all notifications/ clarifier checked no. Should be fixed now but you can log into the WWOA website to check/ change your settings
 - Aaron encouraged participation in the 2022 operators competition
- Motions, 1st, 2nd, to close the meeting at 11:14
- Meeting concluded at 11:14