

**Northcoast Section
CWEA Minutes of February 7, 2008 Meeting
Eureka Treatment Plant**

Patrick Sullivan, President, called the meeting to order at 15:32.

Members present: Greg Orsini, Mike Fritschi, Jeremy Dempsey, Mike Freeman, Tera Prucha, Michael Hansen, Tom Marking, Jeff Underwood and Mickey Hulstrum.

Minutes of the January meeting were read. The proper spelling of Tera's name was corrected. MSA.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Hansen: Checking \$6,213.48
Savings 3,740.15
Total \$9,953.63

Correspondence:

Greg received a call from Doug Colbert, the chief plant operator at Ferndale, regarding attendance of the board meetings.

Patrick: received an e-mail from Don Cottier, our liaison, regarding teleconference with him of our meetings. We don't really have the facilities to do this. Tom suggested we send him minutes of the meeting so Don is kept informed of our meetings and schedules. He will be added onto the e-mail list for the Board.

Old Business:

Mike Fritschi: Mentioned he had followed up with John Miller of the Planning Department regarding the Association the County wanted to form with various agencies and groups like CWEA to help smaller outlying districts with technical help and grant writing. We mentioned RCAC, RWSA, CWEA, CSDA and other groups that might be interested in this endeavor. The RCAC will send a survey to the smaller agencies of their needs and interests. We already form the nucleus of this group and should be involved if they have an interest. This was mentioned in the County General Plan process to help with the infrastructure planning within County areas.

Newsletter: Patrick thanked Mike Freeman for getting the newsletter out so quickly and doing a professional job of this. The equipment exchange idea was included as well as several bios of the board members. The upcoming trench safety seminar was advertised and is being handled by Mickey, Greg and Jeremy.

Newsletter will have a flyer for the safety seminar on trench safety.

Trench Safety Workshop: Greg reported on the progress of this event to be held at the Freshwater Grange on February 28th. 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Rus Brown will teach the class and certify "competent persons". HCSD will bring the backhoe to dig the trench and MCSD will bring our shoring trailer with all the equipment necessary. The mid-winter schedule is to allow contractors the opportunity to get their crews to attend and become certified. We will cook hamburgers, hot dogs for lunch, with potato salad, drinks and have coffee for the morning. Michael will make a run to COSTCO the day before and Tom will check with Starbucks for a coffee donation for the group. We will need a screen for Rus to have the power point presentation; Patrick will bring the W&K screen if needed. This should be a good program. We need to FAX the flyer to the local contractors, plumbers and districts to get them to attend. We expect to have 40-50 persons show up for this. Greg made the motion to pay \$100.00 for the Grange rental and we will dig them a septic tank hole as a contribution. MSA.

Sewer Science Project: Michael gave a report that Clay is getting quotes for the construction of plexiglass tanks for this project. Mary Ann of McKinleyville High is very interested in this project and will present it to her classes.

Equipment Exchange: this was proposed in the newsletter, but no response as of yet from the members.

New Business:

2008/09 CALENDAR: Patrick - We discussed events scheduling for the calendar year.

February: Trench Safety Seminar and newsletter

March: open

April: open

May: Joint meeting with ASCE and HSU students?

June: Newsletter, Jamboree on Lost Coast (family campout), tour Shelter Cove

July: golf tournament and picnic

August: open

September: Newsletter, HSU student engineering club joint meeting and plant tour

October: Mini-Conference

November: Installation Dinner for new officers, Awards

December: open

January: New officers meet and plan for 2009 year

February: Mini-conference, newsletter

The next meeting, March 6 at Eureka Wastewater Treatment Plant, 15:30.

Adjourn at 16:47