The Eastern Water and Wastewater Network met on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the City of Rocky Mt operations center. 19 members were present.

Roy Alons called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Jason Glover, City of Rocky Mt, gave a brief welcome, and instruction.

Jerry Gala with Harco Fittings gave a presentation on Fill Mac Fittings. He provided examples for both the water and sewer applications. He also explained how Fill Mac compression fittings can come in a universal connection option. The universal connection can fit a wide variety of pipe materials allowing different material pipe to connect together. Jerry said they have plenty of options ready to ship up to 2” diameter. Larger sizes are more limited in available options.

Introductions were given.

Motion by Tommy Pierce to dispense the reading of November 19th,2024 minutes, from Perquimans Co. 2Nd by Chris Lambert. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

November was election month. President is Roy Alons, Vice President is Jason Glover. The Network voted to separate the secretary and treasurer. The Secretary is Matt Wilson. The Treasurer is Nick Lolies.

Reminder July 1 will be new invoices for dues

Website cost is now $655 a year. This is an increase from the previous $580 annual cost.

**New Business**

Roy brought attention to the Networks balance being nearly $15,000. This raised the question on what we should do with our money.

Tommy Pierce expressed interest in getting a program into the schools

Roy Alons mentioned a Scholarship could be an option

Jason Glover commented that owning a listening device might be helpful

Other ideas included:

Career Fair involvement with a trailer mounted display

Community College Presence

Making a donation for the impacted areas in Western NC

Sponsor/Install a clean water drinking station in a park with EWWN plaque

We would like to think about this and decide what would be most appropriate.

What activities and events do we want to do? What can we do to attract member participation? (Golf Tournament, Skeet Shooting, other events?)

Roy indicated that he had instructed one of his staff to maintain the Network’s website and keep it current. He requested pictures to put on the site. He also offered up that an employment section could be added for any member job openings to be posted.

**Open Discussion**

Fortiline announced it plans to open a new location in Greenville, NC by April 1 this year. More info to come

AmeriChem has been bought out by Hawkins Inc.

Brandon (Previously American sales rep) is now with Neptune Meter and selling through Core and Main

David Kelly talked about US Radar and their products that help locate conductive and non-conductive underground utilities.

Jim Dotson from Southern Corrosion passed along information on upcoming training.

North East Sectional Training (In person only) on March 4th 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

3 Hours of Water and WW credit offered.

Lunch Sponsored by Southern Corrosion.

Topics include: Plant Tour, the power of social media, and tank care/overcoating.

Plant tour location (9:00 am-10:00 am)

MCRWASA WTP 1001 Park St, Williamston NC 27892

Training location (10:15 am- 12:15 pm):

NCTELECenter 415 East Blvd#130 Williamston NC 27892

**Meeting Places and Dates:**

March 11th -Edenton

April 8th -Bell Aurther

May 13th - Northampton Co.

June 10th -Perquimans Co

July 8th - Windsor

August 12th - Open

September 9th - Open

October- Backhoe Rodeo- Tarboro

November- Open

Motion to adjourn by Tommy Pierce. 2nd by Jason Glover. Motion Carried.

Matt Wilson

EWWN - Secretary