



The Eastern Water and Wastewater Network met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 749 Virginia Rd in Edenton. The Town of Edenton hosted the meeting. 21 members were present.

Roy Alons gave a welcome and called the meeting to order.

Johny Spencer with Consolidated Pipe gave a presentation on Infratech Solutions' push cameras. The demonstration model he had included a color screen, 3 camera heads, and 200-250' of cable. He explained other attributes that included being locatable and capable of recording to a thumb drive.

Another camera Johny mentioned that is offered by Infratech is a manhole camera capable of seeing 300' inside a sewer main from a manhole. This camera uses a wireless monitor and laser distance reading technology.

Introductions were given.

- Motion was made by Jason Glover to dispense the reading of the February, 11th 2025 minutes, from City of Rocky Mount.
- 2Nd was given by Joyce Snader.
- Motion carried.

Old Business

February the new officers started

There was a correction to the annual cost of the website. Instead of \$655 per year it will be \$737 per year.

Website does have an employment section where job listings are posted. All changes to website materials are to be approved by the EWWN Board.

Reminder July 1 will be new invoices for dues



The Network revisited the discussion on what to do with the accumulated money in the bank.

Nick Lolies shared that PNC offers a money market account @ 4% interest

- Jason Glover made a motion for Nick Lolies and Roy Alons to be responsible for establishing a money market account at PNC Bank to open the account with \$500 of deposits and then transfer \$10,000 from the existing checking account.
- Tommy Pierce gave a 2nd.
- Motion carried.

Moving forward the treasury report will reflect two separate balances (Checking and money market)

Nick Lolies presented a 3% cash back Credit Card offer from PNC Bank. The Network had a discussion about the pros and cons of a credit card.

- Johny Spencer made a motion not to proceed getting the card.
- Jason Glover gave a 2nd.
- Motion carried.

Further discussions on available money and network exposure:

Roy Alons mentioned College of the Albemarle certification classes (This could present a need for a system member to be willing to lead a class once a week)

Nick Lolies pointed out that scholarships are complicated and paying for NCRWA conference or certification school would be a more straight forward approach.



Further discussions on available money and network exposure (cont'd):

Johnny Spence asked if we could find a smaller system to send to the NCRWA conference.

Nick Lokies suggested we consider covering dues for a new system's 1st year

Joyce Snader commented that we should send brochures with vendors to the NCRWA conference.

Nick Lokies pointed out that 200 flyers were printed last year but many were left over and now outdated.

Consider making EWWN tee-shirts??

New Business

Roy Alons announced the Backhoe Rodeo committee will be formed soon

NCRWA conference is from May 12-15th Early bird time is running out.

This year has a Western NC and Heleen theme

There is also a new meter event with winners in 3 places

Nick Lokies reported that the National Water Rally in D.C. reviled that congress claimed not to know any more than we know in regards to funding with EPA and USDA affecting RWA

The Board acknowledged the desire to send a representative to the NCRWA conference 2025. Buck's presence in 2024 produced several new memberships more than justifying the expenses of sending him.

- Jason Glover made a motion to for EWWN to pay all expenses to send a representative this year's conference in May.
- Joyce gave a 2nd.
- Motion carried.



New emails from members need to be added to the contact list for announcements/alerts.

Neptune meters has submitted an application for membership.
Brandon Harwell is their representative.

- Jason Glover made a motion to approve the request for membership
- Millard Lewis gave a 2nd.
- Motion carried.

Open Discussion

Clarification was made referencing our Network issues a few years back. Nick Lories stated that the Network did not get into trouble because of taxes. Instead, the nonprofit status was lost as a result of failing to complete a questionnaire from the bank.

The current treasurer has been and will continue taking care of annual filings with the state and federal government.

Buck offered up a gift card he won from the North East Sectional Training in Williamston on March 4th. Johny Spencer was asked to pick a number randomly from the roster list. He chose #6 and Millard Lewis received the \$25 Lowes gift card.



Meeting Places and Dates:

April 8th -Bell Aurther

May 6th – North Hampton Co.

June 10th -Perquimans Co

July 8th - Windsor

August 12th - GUC

September 9th - Martin

October- Backhoe Rodeo- Tarboro

November- Open

The next meeting will be April 8th, 2025 and will be hosted by Bell Author.

Treasure's Report: No Deposits were made since February's meeting. Total balance is \$14,224.83.

The bank had to change titles for the current named officers

Nick Lolies' (treasurer) and Roy Alons' (president) signatures are both required to sign checks.

There is a small fee monthly (\$4.95) otherwise very few expenses annually

- Motion to adjourn by Tommy Pierce.
- 2nd by Johny Spencer.
- Motion Carried.

Matt Wilson

EWWN - Secretary