

REGIONAL WATER TECHNICIAN MEETING

Court Room - Outlook Town Building

Tuesday, September 20th, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

Present: Russ McPherson (Water Wolf Economic Developments), Denise Stroeder (Mid Sask CFDC/REDA), Michelle Hooey (Mid Sask CFDC/REDA), Janice Thomson (Dinsmore), Buzz Folliott (Dinsmore), Rod Simonson (Glenside), Clayton Ylioja (RM of Coteau), Harold Hurd (Lucky Lake), Tony Peter (Outlook)

- Russ called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- He stated that Water Wolf can help with initial startup costs and administration expenses for about 6 months.
- What interest is there for a regional water technician? Is Sask Water involved with most communities?
- Do RMs want Water Wolf to come forward with a proposal?
- Level 2 training would cover most areas.
- A regional tech would keep costs down.
- We are losing trained techs to Alberta - Medicine Hat - \$60,000
- Boil water orders - SERM \$60/hr and mileage until situation is rectified

- Dinsmore has 2 guys - trained at Level 1. They have problems with holidays and 1 guy is only part time - Dinsmore pays 3 hrs/day on the weekend.
- Lucky Lake - certified Level 2. Backup is in training. \$12/hr - seasonal. Can only operate for 1 week until Level 2 comes in to check.- Level 2 - \$18-18.50/hr by Jan 1 - full-time - Level 2 - 5 tests - they offer 20% off water bill after each pass - FT foreman - how much is water time? - Lucky Lake pays \$30/weekend.
- Davidson - \$20/hr (Outlook is more)
- Kenaston is interested

- Beechy - Level 1 - pipeline
- Lucky Lake - stir tanks - needs Level 2
- Dinsmore - wells
- Hitchcock Bay - wells
- Birsay - treatment plant - George Clendening 3 yr contract - if costs become high, they will switch to raw water - people will have to get ultraviolet lights.
- Glenside - no backup - wells - Rod - Level 1
- Hutterite Colony - Beechy - Level 1 - anything over 4000 gal/day - Level 1

- Holiday relief - if Outlook buys in and 10 other communities - Flat fee + extra time.
- On call Level 2 (2 hr range) - in-training guys (Level 1) do daily checks and Level 2 checks once a week.
- Mileage - approximately \$1000/wk
- Outlook has 2 people - would like to have 3 or 4.
- Training - need hours to get Level 2 - can write all 5 tests but not be certified due to hours needed - need to maintain hours and points to keep certification.
- Tech - 1 guy - ½ Outlook and ½ region - level 2
- Budget - \$50,000 - employee contract
- Questionnaire - Levels, rate of pay, PT/FT (water hours), water source, plant requirements (Level)
- Russ adjourned meeting at 8:10 p.m.