

Trades Advisory Council Minutes
May 28, 2003

The Trades Advisory Council met on May 28, 2003. Members not in attendance were Andy Ward and Tony Smith. Mr. Scott Potter, Director MWS, spoke briefly to the group expressing support of the effort as well as thanks to each for their participation.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed with no changes suggested.

Mary Ellen presented the summary of the results of the recent survey conducted by Katcher, Vaughn, and Bailey.

Ronnie Russell reviewed the Sewer Policy that had been distributed in the previous meeting.

The group focus turned to issues related to meters. The following is a summary of the discussion:

Meter Repair responsibility-Commercial customers own their meters and are now responsible for repair of the meter. Question raised concerning acquisition of Cumberland who presently own their commercial meters. MWS to determine answer and deliver at next meeting.

Turn around time for meters left at field activities-MWS to refine internal process with turn around time of maximum 48 hours.

Faxing Permits-MWS to refine internal process to remove one trip to permits office.

Commercial MXU installation-MWS to speak with distributors and require they wire the MXU. This would mean meters would not have to be left at Field Activities. Permit and test results would need to be faxed to Field Activities.

Proper Meter on Permitted address-MWS to begin noting address on lid of meter with Sharpie.

Time between meter permitting, pick-up and installation- Group agreed a # of days could be set as acceptable for installation. Discussion was on 3-10 working days. MWS would like to automatically schedule inspection for the 10th day at issuance.

Requirement for MXU meters: Schlumberger and Inventus MWS is furnishing residential MXU meters. Commercial users are required to purchase MXU meter for new installation or replacement of a defective meter that cannot be repaired. Discussion about testing rotation and the present need for estimating of some 300 commercial accounts due to defective meters.

Residential meters – After meter has been installed one year it becomes the responsibility of MWS.

Irrigation meters and backflow's to be addressed in future meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2003