



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Members in Attendance: Paul Desrosiers, Fred Kurdziel, Bill Patenaude, and Jon Schock

Others in Attendance: David Gaipo, Suez-NA
Greg Schultz, Esq., RI Attorney General's Office
Traci Pena, RIDEM

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The Board reviewed the draft March 1, 2017 meeting minutes.

Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4). Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. Desrosiers, Mr. Kurdziel, and Mr. Schock voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gaipo left the meeting so the Board could review the March 1, 2017 draft executive session meeting minutes.

Mr. Schock motioned to approve the March 1, 2017 meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Mr. Desrosiers abstained as he was not present during executive session deliberations.

Note that Mr. Patenaude recused himself from the meeting during deliberation and potential voting on the matter before the Board during executive session. Mr. Patenaude left the meeting and returned when the matter was concluded.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the April 5, 2017 executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.

Next was the review of a response from Synagro Technologies, Inc. regarding licensure requirements per the Board's enabling legislation and regulations, the history of licensure issues, and a request for procedures to improve the company's licensure procedures. The Board was satisfied with the response.

Next was the evaluation of point for biological removal/advanced treatment in the Rules and Regulations Plant Classification worksheet. RIDEM's O&M section completes and provides a recommendation to the Board after completing the ranking worksheet. Noted at the conclusion of the worksheet is the statement that "If unique treatment plant conditions distort the point total, the certification board will adjust the facility classification." Mr. Patenaude noted that some plants may be affected as new technology is implemented, although the plant ranking sheet may overstate the impact to the facility because of the use of various technologies. Mr. Schultz stated there is some discretion offered to the Board. He also asked where in the Regulations is the worksheet referenced. Mr. Patenaude stated it was not referred to in the Regulations, but was used to calculate facility grade levels. Mr. Desrosiers suggested that each facility should have a Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent at the grade level of the facility. No changes are being made at this time.

Next to be discussed were courses for training hour approvals.

The first courses offered by Environmental Leverage was tabled. Mr. Schock asked if Mr. Patenaude or his staff could get a sample of the courses to see if they were appropriate.

After brief discussion, Mr. Patenaude voted to approve Independent Study Course entitled Introduction to Incident Command System ICS - 100 training. He would need to verify times to determine how many CEUs would be given. Mr. Kurdziel seconded. All members voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

Mr. Schock motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members present voting in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 9:30 at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.