



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Draft Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Members in Attendance: Paul Desrosiers, Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch and Bill Patenaude

Others in Attendance: Christina Hoefsmit, Esq., and Traci Pena, RIDEM

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

The Board reviewed the draft May 3, 2017 open meeting minutes.

Mr. McLynch motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Ms. Forgue and Mr. Desrosiers abstained as they were not present at the May meeting.

The first business discussed were exam results. The Board reviewed exam statistics from the May 2017 operator exams. Twenty-five individuals sat for the May 2017 exams on either May 23rd or 24th. Mr. Patenaude will be sending a letter to Lisa Middleton of the Department of Administration expressing the Board's gratitude for the quick return of the exam results.

The next item on the agenda was exam applications. Three individuals requested to take make-up exams.

The superintendent of the West Warwick WWTF wrote to the Board that one of his new operators, Mr. Eugene Medeiros, is requesting a make-up exam due to a family funeral at the time of the exam.

Ms. Forgue motioned to allow Mr. Medeiros to sit for a makeup examination at a time suitable for the Board. Mr. McLynch seconded. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

Also from West Warwick, Mr. Jeffrey Caldwell notified the Board that he will be out-of-state at a volunteer engagement at the time of the August exam, which was scheduled prior to the exam scheduling.

Ms. Forgue motioned to allow Mr. Caldwell an August make-up examination at a time of the Board's choosing pending payment, an approved and complete application (received within the application period) and with documentation of the engagement. Mr. Desrosiers seconded. During discussion Mr. Patenaude noted that the makeup would have to be after the dates of the August exam. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

A third operator made a verbal request for a make-up. Mr. Patenaude had required a written request, which was not forthcoming. As such no action was taken.

In new business, Messers. Patenaude and Desrosiers reported that the Operator's Challenge Team, "Ocean State Alliance" placed first in every event of the regional Operator Challenge event: wastewater treatment process control techniques, laboratory procedures, high-speed repairs and safety/rescues. The team will be going to Chicago to compete in the national competition in the fall. The team has individuals from the Narragansett Bay Commission, the City of Cranston, and the Town of Smithfield wastewater treatment facilities. Mr. Patenaude drafted a letter to commend all wastewater operators. The board and approved the letter.

Mr. Desrosiers also stated that the NWPCA Legislative Luncheon will be held on June 15th at the State House.

Mr. Patenaude 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, July 5, 2017 at 9:30 at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.