



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Meeting Minutes: August 1, 2012

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

Others in Attendance: Marisa Desautel, Esq. and Traci Pena, RIDEM
Mike Rubin, Esq. and Greg Schultz, R.I. Attorney General's Office
Kathy Perez, Supt., South Kingstown WWTF

Mr. Patenaude called the August 1, 2012 meeting to order.

The first order of business was the review of the draft July 11 meeting minutes. After review, Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor as such the motion passed.

Per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4), Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session in order to discuss an issue regarding Rhode Island wastewater treatment operators related to possible civil or criminal misconduct. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. Desrosiers, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Note that Mr. McLynch left the meeting before discussion and returned after the discussion.

After discussion Mr. Patenaude suggested tabling the matter pending additional information. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. With all members present voted in favor, the matter was tabled.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the August 1, 2012 Executive Session meeting minutes. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call in the affirmative: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. Desrosiers, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call in the affirmative: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. Desrosiers, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

The next item discussed were application reviews.

Mr. Joseph Cantone submitted an application for Grade 1 examination. He is a summer intern at the New Shoreham WPCF whom the Town could consider for full-time member at the facility pending possible job openings once the current superintendent retires around October 2012. Mr. Patenaude noted that Mr. Cantone was currently performing operator duties, although he was not technically “full-time” as he was a seasonal employee. He suggested that the Board could allow Mr. Cantone to sit for the Grade 1 exam and that should he pass, the Board would issue him a Grade 1 OIT license indefinitely until such time that he attained a position of full-time employment.

After brief discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve Mr. Cantone to sit for the Summer 2012 Grade 1 exam. Should he pass, the Board would issue him a Grade 1 OIT license with an indefinite expiration date. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. With all members present voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next item discussed were draft Regulations. Mr. Patenaude presented a draft concept that would allow optional/voluntary levels of certification at renewal that indicates that the licensee attained certain amounts of training. Mr. Patenaude asked that Mr. Desrosiers seek the input of the Narragansett Water Pollution Control Association. Mr. Patenaude also noted he would submit this proposal to the state’s superintendents. This matter could then be discussed at the next Board meeting with feedback attained in the interim. During the meeting, various Board members expressed support for the draft proposal.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Schock, the motion passed with all members voting in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM office located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.