



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2013

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

Others in Attendance: Greg Schultz, Esq., Rhode Island Attorney General Office
Traci Pena, RIDEM
Mark Cataldo
Nicholas DeGemmis, Jim Lauzon, and Kevin Dahl, CH2MHill

The first order of business was the review of the draft October 2, 2013 meeting minutes.

After review, Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Mr. McLynch abstained as he was not present at the October 2013 meeting.

The next item discussed were operator applications.

At the previous meeting, the Board reviewed a resume from Mark Cataldo, who possesses a Massachusetts Grade 7 license. Mr. Cataldo is seeking an advisory opinion as to whether the Board would issue him a Grade 4 license through reciprocity, as he is interested in seeking employment at the East Providence WWTF as the Assistant Superintendent. (In October, the Board had asked Mr. Cataldo to come to the meeting to provide more information.) Board members asked a number of questions of Mr. Cataldo regarding his request. Mr. Cataldo also provided an outline of his professional experience.

After discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to offer an advisory opinion to Mr. Cataldo and issue a Grade 4 license through reciprocity once a formal application and letter from East Providence offering him the position was received. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. Messrs McLynch and Patenaude voted Yes. Messrs Schock, Desrosiers and Kurdziel voted No. Therefore the motion is not carried.

Mr. Schock offered that once an application and letter from East Providence is received he would be more comfortable offering an advisory opinion.

Mr. Cataldo left the meeting.

The next order of business was a request for additional information from the City of Woonsocket regarding the licensure of Mr. Nicholas A. DeGemmis of the Woonsocket WWTF. Mr. DeGemmis has already passed the Grade 3 exam and has a 30IT license. The Board reviewed Mr. DeGemmis's application and job experience to confirm his time in Direct Responsible Charge. After determining that Mr. DeGemmis still requires additional experience in Direct Responsible Charge at a wastewater treatment facility before being allowed to sit for the Grade 4 exam, the Board noted

that the presence/availability of Mr. Dahl (who holds a Grade 4) in the absence of superintendent Mr. Lauzon would meet the Board's need for licensure of the superintendent and assistant superintendent position. Mr. Patenaude asked for this staffing plan to be submitted in writing.

Messrs. DeGemmis, Lauzon and Dahl left the meeting.

The next item discussed was Training Course Approval. Mr. Patenaude teleconferenced Mr. Tom Bienkowicz from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, who gave an overview of the process that the Commonwealth uses for approving courses. After a brief discussion on developing its own policies, the Board asked Mr. Patenaude to draft a policy for discussion at the December meeting.

In new business Mr. Patenaude was seeking approval to allow an operator at the City of Cranston WPCF to hold a Grade 3 position (Operations Supervisor) with a 3OIT license. The Board informed Mr. Patenaude that the application did not need their review and that the operator was allowed to hold the Grade 3 position as he had passed the Grade 3 exam and was in the process of gaining Direct Responsible Charge.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLynch. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM office located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.