



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Members in Attendance: Dr. Janet Baldwin, Paul Desrosiers, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Bill Patenaude, and Jon Schock
Others in Attendance: Christina Hoefsmit, Esq., and Traci Pena - RI Department of Environmental Management

The meeting came to order at 9:35 a.m.

The first order of business was the review of the draft March 4, 2015 meeting minutes.

After review of the draft March 4, 2015 meeting minutes, Mr. Desrosiers motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Dr. Baldwin abstained as she was not at the March meeting.

The next order was the review of the draft executive session meeting minutes from the March 4, 2015 meeting.

After review of the draft executive session meeting minutes Mr. Schock voted to approve the minutes. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Dr. Baldwin abstained as she was not at the March meeting.

The next agenda item discussed was the Instructor for Basic Wastewater course. As a follow-up to the previous meeting Attorney Hoefsmit offered an update regarding an ethics determination for a board member financially benefiting from teaching the course. Legal counsel Hoefsmit briefed the Board that no member could benefit from a course or other initiative that was sponsored by the Board. Thus a member choosing to take part in such a course for pay would have to resign from the Board.

The next item discussed were Training Course Approvals.

After a review of several courses being offered by Water-Otter.com, Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the following course for 2 credits: Chlorination Disinfection Science, Verifying Treatment Processes, Three Stooges of Water/Wastewater, Ten Little Known Secrets for Process Management, Simple Microscope Applications, Common Sense Disinfection Technology, Chasing Thermal Demons From the Process, Hypochlorite Disinfection and De-chlorination, Principles of

Wastewater Treatment, Operational Math, Yippee! More Math, I Just Can't Get Enough Math and That Wasn't So Bad, A Review.

The courses not approved were: Comparing Alternative Systems, Corrosion Management in Potable Water, Small Groundwater System Operations or the "mini-course" pack. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kurdziel, all members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

The next courses discussed were the 2014 National Electrical Code (NEC) and Arc Flash Electrical Safety NFPA 70E with Skills & Certification (ARC).

After discussion Mr. Patenaude voted to approve the courses on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Kurdziel seconded. Upon further discussion, Mr. Patenaude retracted this motion.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to deny the ARC and NEC training. Mr. Shocks seconded. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

The next item discussed was an application review for a Nathan Boiros. Mr. Boiros is a grade 3 operator from the NBC – Field's Point facility seeking Grade 4 reciprocity from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

After a review of Mr. Boiros' application and information, Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve Grade 4 reciprocity subject to confirmation of Mr. Boiros date of hire as Assistant Superintendent on June 28, 2015 at the NBC – Fields Point facility, Mr. Schock seconded, all members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed. Mr. Desrosiers abstained from the vote.

In new business, Mr. Desrosiers invited the board to nominate an individual or group for the NWPCA awards. He gave the board forms if they would like to nominate.

Also, Mr. Patenaude wanted to extend kudos to the Narragansett Water Pollution Control Association/New England Water Environment Association Clean Water Legislative Event held March 25th.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn at 10:35. Mr. McLynch seconded, all members voted in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources Room 280 located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.