



**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS
OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

MEETING MINUTES: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014

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

Others in Attendance: Marisa Desautel, Esq. and Traci Pena, RIDEM

The first order of business was the review of the draft May 7, 2014 meeting minutes.

After review of the May 7, 2014 minutes, Mr. Desrosiers motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Schock, and Ms Forgue abstained as they were not present at the May 2014 meeting.

The next order was the draft April 2, 2014 Executive Session meeting minutes.

After review of the draft April 2, 2-14 executive session minutes, Mr. Schock voted in favor of the minutes as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the vote. All eligible members voted in favor. Ms. Forgue, Mr. McLynch, and Mr. Patenaude abstained.

Mr. Patenaude updated the Board on a Settlement Agreement. Mr. Kurdziel has signed letters associated with that agreement and the individuals will be contacting Mr. Patenaude to arrange training. Mr. Schock would like training be opened to all operators.

The next item discussed was training course approval. Mr. Patenaude has spoken to NEIWPC and will also be reaching out to ASRW to guide them with training course approval process.

Mr. Patenaude was pleased to report the Operator Challenge Team, known as "Ocean State Alliance" came in third-place in the regional "Operator Challenge" and came in first place in the collection system competition in Maine. Mr. Desrosiers noted that it's quite an accomplishment as the team has only been together for less than six months. The team includes Joe Crosby, Mike Spring, Ed Davis, Mike Ceasrine of the Narragansett Bay Commission, and Vin Russo from the City of Warwick.

Boot Camp is going well and Mr. Patenaude is looking to start another camp in October of 2014, depending on funding.

Doug Nettleton will be retiring from the Narragansett WWTF. He would still like to teach the Basic Operator course. Mr. Patenaude wanted to know if the Board had any concerns with an individual teaching who is not a superintendent. There were no concerns.

The next item discussed was an application from David Salvador who sent in an application for Grade 4 examination. Mr. Patenaude noted that he will be bringing the matter to the next meeting, after additional information is confirmed regarding employment history.

Letters have been sent out to start the process of revoking license for non-renewal. The board discussed with legal counsel ways to streamline the process in the future.

The next item discussed was emergency reciprocity. Mr. Patenaude wanted to propose to the Board the need to bring in a non-licensed individual in cases of emergency and issue reciprocity status. Mr. Shock suggested only doing so in cases where the Governor has declared a state of emergency. If there are local problems facilities could ask for assistance from neighboring facilities. Mr. Patenaude would like to have something in the Regulations to provide emergency flexibility and use the Board's discretion. Mr. Patenaude will draft language and present at the next board meeting.

With no further business, Mr. Schock motioned to adjourn. Mr. McLynch seconded. With all member voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM-Office of Water Resources Room 280 located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.