

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS
OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

MINUTES for APRIL 2, 2003 MEETING

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rick Dionne, Julia Forgue, Bill Patenaude, Jon Schock, Tom White and Ray Wright

OTHER IN ATTENDANCE: Traci Lima, DEM

Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 9:30.

The first order of business discussed was the review of the draft March 5, 2003 meeting minutes.

After Board review, Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. White seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude informed the Board that he would be involved in Governor Carcieri's Big Audit starting April 14, 2003. Eighty percent of Mr. Patenaude's time will be spent working on this project and the remaining time will be used carrying out his normal day-to-day activities. He informed the board that they might need to assist him with some of his Board responsibilities.

The next business discussed was an update on Legislation H5848 Relating to Wastewater Treatment Facilities. Mr. White informed the Board that NWPCA still wanted to see the passage of the legislation. Mr. Patenaude provided comments by Elizabeth Stone, DEM's Legislative Liaison, and suggested submitting the Board's stance on the matter to the Chair of the Joint Environment & Energy committee. Mr. Dionne informed various labor unions of the pending legislation and has not received any comments. Ms. Forgue, who was not present at the March meeting, felt as though the legislation needed more thought. Implementation could be a serious problem and course availability could be a challenge.

Mr. Patenaude made a motion to send a letter from the Board regarding the Legislation H5848. The letter would state that for reasons of administrative concerns and the potential costs to local communities and individual operators, the Board does not support Legislation 2003-H5848. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. Ms. Forge and Messers. Schock, Patenaude, Dionne and Wright voted in favor of the motion, while Mr. White voted against.

The matter of the Bristol Sludge/Operations licensing was tabled due to the fact that the superintendent was not able to be present at the meeting.

The next item discussed was the matter of Francis M. Hartley, an employee at Brown and Sharpe. The facility is a grade 1 facility and is a small package plant. Mr. Hartley has been a part-time employee since December 16, 2001. Mr. Hartley is seeking to receive his Grade 1 license, but does not have a high school diploma or general education development (GED) certificate. Mr. Hartley has passed the Operator I course. According to DEM's O&M inspector

the facility is well maintained under Mr. Hartley and he is knowledgeable about the facility's operation. Mr. Schock had concerns because in the Regulations it states that one of the requirements for receiving a Grade 1 license is to have a high school degree or a GED. This matter will also be tabled until the next meeting so a manager can speak on Mr. Hartley's behalf.

The next issue discussed was the matter of Earl Salisbury. No additional information was received and the matter will be tabled indefinitely until there is a change of circumstances.

The next issued to be discussed was the License Revocation/Suspension Guidelines. Mr. Patenaude asked for assistance after the meeting to help draft a working outline for the guidelines to be presented for discussion in draft form at the next Board meeting.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Schock. All members voted in favor of adjournment and the motion passed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 9:30 am in conference room 280C in the Office of Water Resources on the 2nd floor of the Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence.