



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Meeting Minutes: September 2, 2009

Members in Attendance: Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Dr. Gene Park, Bill Patenaude and Tom White

Others in Attendance: Traci Pena, Marisa Desautel, Esq., W. Michael Sullivan, Director - DEM

The September 2, 2009 meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The first order of business was the review of the draft June 2009 meeting minutes.

Mr. White motioned to approve the June 2009 meeting minutes with minor changes. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

The next order of business was a discussion on the draft Rules and Regulation for Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators (Regulations). Mr. Schock requested that Mr. Patenaude provide a draft revision of the Regulations. One of the main focuses of the revision was Rule 8. entitled Operator Qualifications and Classifications for WWTF' s. The language in this section re quired some updating as technology has changed and has been condensed. Also, Mr. Patenaude added new language regarding renewals, Mandatory Retraining for Renewal (MRR). Director Sullivan spoke of the importance of MRR and is a strong advocate, he felt as though the Board needs to invest in the operators. As Mr. Patenaude Is a designee for the DEM Director, his vote is now in favor for MRR. Mr. McLynch, a representative from Organized Labor is also in favor as well as Mr. White representing NWPCA. Mr. Patenaude wanted Board members to be prepared to take an official vote regarding MRR at the next Board meeting so this issue could be put to bed.

The next order of business was Operator Enforcement.

Per § 42-46-5(a) (4) Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session in order to discuss an issue involving potential criminal or civil misconduct at a Rhode Island wastewater Treatment Facility. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. White and Dr. Park all voting in the affirmative.

Based on information gathered during executive session, Mr. Patenaude motioned to send a letter to a certain individual requesting two attested, notarized affidavits be provided requesting particular information and an invitation at a later time at which point the Board will review this information at a subsequent, regularly scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all members present voted in the affirmative and as such the motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. White and Dr. Park all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. White motioned to seal the September 2, 2009 Executive Session meeting minutes. Mr. Patenaude seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor and as such the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to seal the minutes, and as such the motion passed.

In new business, Mr. White announced the Annual NWPCA Trade Show being held on Friday, September 18th.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. White seconded the motion. All other members present voted in favor, and as such, the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM Office located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI.