



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

Meeting Minutes: October 2, 2013

Members in Attendance: Janet Baldwin, Paul Desrosiers, Fred Kurdziel, 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 Executive Session meeting minutes of August 7, 2013.

After review, Mr. Desrosiers motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Dr. Baldwin and Mr. Schock abstained as they did not attend the August 2013 meeting.

The next order was the review of the draft open August 7, 2013 meeting minutes.

After review, Mr. Kurdziel motioned to approve the August 7, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Desrosiers seconded all other members present voted in favor. Dr. Baldwin and Mr. Schock abstained as they did not attend the June 2013 meeting.

The next item reviewed was the review on the September 4, 2013 meeting notes.

After review, Mr. Schock motioned approval. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor. As such the motion passed. Mr. Desrosiers abstained as he was not present at said meeting.

The next item discussed were operator licensures.

The Board received an application for a Mark Cataldo who possesses a Massachusetts Grade 7 license. Mr. Cataldo is interested in seeking employment at the East Providence WWTF as the Assistant Superintendent. After deliberation, Board members had questions regarding the sizes of the facilities that Mr. Cataldo had worked at. Mr. Patenaude suggested tabling the discussion so that the Board could have access to additional information and to invite Mr. Cataldo to attend.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to table the matter pending additional information and an invitation for Mr. Cataldo to speak on his behalf. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor and as such the motion passed.

The next order of business was a request for information from the City of Woonsocket regarding the licensure of Mr. Nicholas A. DeGemmis of the Woonsocket WWTF. To answer the facility's question, the Board required information from previous employers of Mr. DeGemmis from out-of-state wastewater facilities. That information was not available for this meeting.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to table the matter pending additional information and an invitation for Mr. DeGemmis to speak on his behalf. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor and as such the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the regulation status and operator notification of this status. Mr. Patenaude noted that the regulations had been filed and were effective as of September 29th. The Board then reviewed and commented on the language for renewal notices and the regulation update information that would be included in said notices.

The next order of business was a review for approval of training by Mr. Bill Poole regarding a October 24th course in Natick, Massachusetts titled "Smart Water for Smart Cities." After review the Board approved the course for six hours of training for this course date only. Future requests would go through the yet-to-be-developed course approval procedure.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM office located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.