



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

MEETING MINUTES: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

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

Others in Attendance: Peter Eldridge and Marcel Antonini, Scarborough WWTF
Traci Pena, RIDEM

The meeting came to order at 9:30.

The first order of business was the review of the draft September 3, 2014 meeting minutes.

After review of the draft September 3, 2014 minutes, Mr. McLynch motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Mr. Schock abstained as he was not at the September meeting.

The next order was the draft executive session from the September 3, 2014 meeting minutes.

After review of the draft executive session from the September 3, 2014 meeting minutes, Mr. McLynch voted in favor of the draft minutes. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Mr. Schock abstained as he was not at the September meeting.

The item discussed was an operator licensure application for Grade 3 reciprocity from Mr. Marcel Antonini, who has a Grade 3 license in the State of Connecticut which is equivalent to our Grade 3. However Mr. Antonini currently does not supervise 2 or more operators. Mr. Patenaude would not have a problem issuing Mr. Antonini a Grade 2 license and offering him a Grade 3 if and when which would allow him up to 2 years to obtain a position in direct responsible charge.

After discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to issue Mr. Antonini a Grade 2 license and a Grade 3 if and when license through the Regulations section 12(f) should he gain employment at a Rhode island wastewater treatment plant where he would be in direct responsible charge. Mr. Kurdziel seconded. All eligible members voted in favor, as such the motion passed. Mr. Schock recused himself from the vote.

The next item discussed were regulatory updates. The Board reviewed and commented on a draft provided by Mr. Patenaude. The Board is awaiting revisions from legal counsel related to revocation/failure-to-renew procedures.

The next item discussed were training course approvals.

The first 2 courses to be reviewed were "Dealing with Difficult People/Conflict Resolution" and "Succeeding as a Foreman" were being offered by the URI Transportation Center. Mr. Shock thought the courses being proposed needed to be technical. Mr. Patenaude agreed however thought it is also important to have management skills.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the above courses Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. Mr. Schock voted again the motion. All remaining members voted in favor. As such the motion passed.

The next course discussed was "Wastewater Worker Safety - Addressing Concerns on Ebola in Wastewater". The webinar's overview addressed the survival of the Ebola virus in wastewater and what is needed in terms of research. It also addressed sanitation and personal protection practices for wastewater personnel. Mr. Kurdziel participated in the webinar and found it to be beneficial.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the webinar "Wastewater Worker Safety - Addressing Concerns on Ebola in Wastewater" for 1 hour credit .Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and as such the motion passed.

The next course discussed was a webinar sponsored by EPA entitled "Emergency Preparedness". The course objectives are to learn about EPA tools and resources that can support them during an emergency.

After brief discussion Mr. McLynch voted to approve the course "Emergency Preparedness", for 1 hour credit. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, and as such the motion passed.

In new business, Mr. Desrosiers invited the members to the NWPCA 2014 Holiday Party being held on December 9th at the Kelley Gazerro Post.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Patenaude, seconded by Mr. Schock. All members present voted in favor, and as such the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM-Office of Water Resources Room 280 located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.