



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Members in Attendance: Dr. Janet Baldwin, Paul Desrosiers, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch and Bill Patenaude

Others in Attendance: Marisa Desautel and Traci Pena, RIDEM

The meeting came to order at 9:34.

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

After review of the draft December 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. Dr. Baldwin abstained as she was not at the December meeting.

The next order was Training Course Approval. Mr. Patenaude informed the Board that the latest course approved is on the website.

Mr. Patenaude would also be contacting New England Interstate to see if they would be willing to offer spring training to operators. Mr. Patenaude asked those board members in plants, in particular, would they like to see 3-hour training, perhaps over two or three days, or whole day training. Messers McLynch and Desrosiers thought it would be easier to cover a three-hour shift. Mr. Patenaude then asked Dr. Baldwin if she would be interesting in teaching a basic math course. She said she would be willing to coordinate a computer course and would put together a sample of what she could do and send it to Mr. Patenaude. Mr. McLynch thought that many would be interested in a basic math course.

The next course discussed for credit was NEWEA's Operator day in Boston. After discussion, it was decided that only the technical sessions would be approved for credit.

The next item was Regulatory updates. Legal has signed off on the proposed updated language. We will move forward and promulgate.

The next item was the formation of sub-committees. Mr. Patenaude asked the Board if a small group could converge and work on different Board aspects. The guidance he received from legal counsel was that if this was done, the meetings would still need to be posted. Mr. Patenaude would farm out assignments to others and they would be responsible to report back to the Board. Those present were agreeable.

Per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4), Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session to discuss issues regarding Rhode Island wastewater treatment operators related to possible civil or criminal misconduct. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers and Dr. Baldwin all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Baldwin motioned in executive session to send a letter to a Rhode Island wastewater treatment facility with regard to a December SSO event to request additional information. Specifically, the Board would like to know the sequence of events, the procedures that were in place, and what specific procedural changes were made as a result of this particular event. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. As such the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the January 7, 2015 Executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers and Dr. Baldwin all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers and Dr. Baldwin all voting in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Patenaude, seconded by Dr. Baldwin. All members present voted in favor, and as such the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM-Office of Water Resources Room 280 located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.