



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

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, July 19, 2018

**Members in Attendance:** Paul Desrosiers, Julia Forgue, Frank McLynch and Bill Patenaude

**Others in Attendance:** Joe Brennan, RIRRC  
Traci Pena and Alex Pinto, RIDEM

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 a.m.

The next item discussed were Training Course approvals.

**After discussion and review, Ms. Forgue motioned to approve the 2017 Training Seminar offered by Seacoast Supply, Inc. on March 7, 2017 for 6 training hours. Mr. Desrosiers seconded. All members present voted in favor.**

**After discussion and review, Mr. McLynch motioned to approve the Asset Management Training offered by RCAP Solutions for 5 training hours. Ms. Forgue seconded. All members present voted in favor.**

**After discussion and review, Ms. Forgue motioned to approve the NEWEEA Collection Systems conference for 5 training hours. Mr. McLynch seconded. All members present voted in favor.**

The next item discussed was an update on the request from NWPCA sponsoring the Grade 1 course. Mr. Desrosiers advised the Board that they are still working on details to submit to the Board. The class in the Fall will be sponsored by NEIWPC.

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4). Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch and Mr. Desrosiers voting in the affirmative.**

Mr. Brennan left for the executive session discussion. Note that Mr. Patenaude recused himself and left the meeting during deliberations of these matters.

**After brief discussion, Mr. Desrosiers motioned to send the superintendent of the Woonsocket WWTF a letter stating that in regard to the matter before the Board and at this time, the Board would not be taking action regarding the April 7<sup>th</sup> sampling error. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in the affirmative.**

**After brief discussion, Mr. Desrosiers motioned to send the superintendent of the Warren WWTF a letter stating that in regard to the matter that before the Board, at this time the Board would not be taking action regarding the April 14-15 sampling collection errors. Mr.**

**McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in the affirmative.**

**After discussion, Mr. Desrosiers motioned to obtain more information from DEM regarding a matter related to noncompliance reporting at the West Warwick Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility and, after the Board has determined that it has gathered and assessed said additional information, to invite facility representatives to a subsequent Board meeting. The information from DEM should include the time of notification from the plant and the contract lab. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. Ms. Forgue voted nay. As such the motioned passed with the majority voting in favor.**

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the July 19, 2018 executive session meeting minutes. Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.**

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.**

In new business, Joe Brennan from Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation presented to the Board. He was inquiring if the Board would allow employees from RIRRC to be certified operators. The Board could not take formal action as the item was not on the agenda. Mr. Patenaude invited Mr. Brennan to the next meeting.

Also in new business Mr. Patenaude stated that there will not be an upcoming Boot Camp due to low enrollment.

The Board reviewed the draft June 6, 2018 meeting minutes.

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor as such the motion passed.**

**Mr. Patenaude voted to adjourn, Ms. Forgue seconded. All members voted in favor, as such the motion passed.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 9:30 at the RIDEM – Office of Water Resources, Room 280 located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908.