

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

**Meeting Minutes: June 21, 2010**

**Members in Attendance: Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Dr. Gene Park, Bill Patenaude**

**Others in Attendance: Marisa A. Desautel, DEM Legal.**

**The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.**

**The only item on the agenda was consideration of a summer exam schedule for operators at any wastewater facility that had been impacted by the flooding of March, 2010. Mr. Patenaude noted that at an earlier Board meeting, there was discussion of holding an exam exclusively for staff at the Warwick and West Warwick facilities, which were the two treatment plants that were fully flooded and disabled. Mr. Patenaude noted that since then a number of superintendents had expressed concern that their facility operators had been impacted as well from the March flooding—whether due to flooded pumping stations, the need for emergency repairs and monitoring emergency power, high flows, process upsets and other issues. As a result, some operators did not apply for the May exams,**

or they did not have time throughout April to prepare due to increased work loads.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to offer a summer exam period open to all qualified staff at all Rhode Island wastewater facilities. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Attorney Desautel reminded the Board of the need to schedule such an exam with a sixty day notice period.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM Office located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI.