

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2014

Members in Attendance: Dr. Janet Baldwin, Paul Desrosiers, Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Bill Patenaude, and Jon Schock

Others in Attendance: Traci Pena, RIDEM

Galen McGovern, Atlantic States Rural Water & Wastewater Assoc.

The first order of business was the review of the draft December 4, 2013 meeting minutes.

After review, Mr. Schock motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Dr. Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Ms. Forgue and Mr. Kurdziel abstained as they were not present at the December meeting.

Mr. Patenaude then introduced Galen McGovern from the Atlantic States Rural Water & Wastewater Association (ASRWVA). ASRWVA is a private non-profit organization offering training opportunities throughout Rhode Island and Connecticut. Ms. McGovern is looking for Board input on what kind of training opportunities ASRWVA could offer operators. Ideas were shared.

The next item was Training course Approval guidance. Mr. Patenaude shared the new rendition of the “Training Event Approval Guidance.” The Board provided input about making the guidance document both user friendly and informative.

The next agenda item discussed was a request from the NBC to have home mailing addresses for all Grade 3 and 4 operators so a job posting could be sent. Mr. Patenaude stated that for privacy reasons it has not been the Board’s practice to give such information. Mr. Schock suggested sharing the job posting with other superintendents. Mr. Patenaude said that he has posted similar news about postings in existing DEM or Board communication systems and that he’d be happy to do this for NBC.

In new business, Mr. Patenaude offered an update on a Mr. Mark Cataldo who was offered a job as the assistant superintendent at the East Providence WWTF and starts in February. Per previous decisions, once paperwork is submitted the Board will issue Mr. Cataldo a Grade 4 OIT license for 3 years with the provision that in the absence of the superintendent, the City of East Providence would provide a Grade 4 license holder.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM office located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.