

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

**Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, September 2, 2015**

**Members in Attendance: Paul Desrosiers, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Bill Patenaude**

**Others in Attendance: Christina Hoefsmit, Esq. and Traci Pena, RI  
DEM**

**The meeting came to order at 9:35 a.m.**

**The first order of business was the review of the draft July 1, 2015 meeting minutes.**

**After review of the draft July 1, 2015 meeting minutes, Mr. Desrosiers motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor.**

**The next order discussed was the review of the draft July 1, 2015 Executive Session meeting minutes.**

**After review of the draft July 1, 2015 meeting minutes, Mr. Desrosiers motioned to approve the minutes with one grammatical edit. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible**

**members voting in favor.**

**A commendation letter sent by DEM Director Coit was sent to the NWPCA Operators Challenge Team for their first-place finish at the NEWEA Regional Ops Challenge event in June.**

**Mr. Patenaude informed the board that a number of courses have been added to the website.**

**The next topic discussed was operator licensure. Mr. Patenaude received a request from an individual enrolled in the Basic course. He wanted to know if the Basic course would be reciprocal in Massachusetts for their equivalent Grade 1 licensure. Mr. Desrosiers offered that it would equate to a Massachusetts Grade 1 municipal license.**

**Mr. Desrosiers motioned to give Mr. Patenaude the authority to contact the Massachusetts board to explore the possibility of having the Rhode Island course meet the requirements of a Grade 1 exam (since the final exam of the course is the RI Grade 1 exam). Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor.**

**Mr. Patenaude stated he was impressed by the group who are enrolled in the Grade 1 course.**

**Currently Governor Raimondo is streamlining the policy of updating Regulations, therefore the update of the board's regulation are on hold.**

**Exam statistics were reviewed.**

**In new business, the NWPCA Annual Clambake and Vendor Exhibition will be held on September 11, 2015 at Twelve Acres banquet Facility in Smithfield, RI. Messers Desrosiers and Patenaude encouraged those present to attend.**

**Also, Mr. Patenaude has invited 15 operators to the 2015-2016 Boot Camp.**

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn at 10:03. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in the affirmative.**

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