

Final
BOARD OF LICENSURE OF WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS
May 19, 2011 Meeting

Members Present:

Trevor Hunt, Chairman, Bath Water Dist
David Bartlett, Assistant Chair
David Beaulieu, Aqua Maine
Daniel Levasseur, Huber Woods VSWS
Kerry Smart, Alfred Water Dist
Chris Crovo, Portland Water Dist
Teresa Trott, DWP

Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Clerk
Kirsten Hebert, MRWA
Tom, Bahun, MRWA

Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M.

General Administration:

Approval of the March 17, 2011 minutes, Kerry Smart motioned to accepted the minutes. David Bartlett 2nd. Board approves. Passed

Financial Report: Board would like a more detailed financial report for the next meeting. The board would like to know what indirect costs are on the report that they were presented with. As far as travel goes, they would like to look at where each person is traveling from and make an estimate on that for travel expenses. The next draft of the budget presented to the board, they would like dates put on them.

System Update: There are 42 systems that need operators right away. Systems will be getting notices by the end of the week. It may be possible for the Drinking Water Program to send a list of inactive systems to any contract operators that want the list.

Operators Update:

Complaints

One operator complaint coming to the board. The systems and operator are both now back in compliance. However, they were not for a year and a half. The system had huge bills and the lab refused to send them any sample bottles.

Exam Issues

One person who has submitted to take an exam in June does not have an active license. It is almost positive that this person has enough TCH's to renew but for some reason maybe the renewal got overlooked. Kerry Smart made a motion that he or she may take the test but cannot have a license until he or she renews his or her class 2T upon passing. The class 3T will not be issued until the Class 2t has been renewed. David Bartlett 2nd the motion. Board approves.

One person who has submitted to take two exams in June already has classes 4T and 4D. David Beaulieu made a motion that currently licensed people may not take exams of the level they hold or below. Chris Crovo 2nd the motion. Board approves.

Renewals: There are currently 91 people who have not renewed. There are three in the process of renewing. Twelve will probably not be renewing and the rest are unknown.

TCH: Operators can now check their number of TCH's for renewal. A link is on the website and is updated periodically.

Many new classes have been recently approved. There have also been a lot of new types of classes, such as energy efficiency.

Online Testing: Online testing can be ready to go within 6 to 8 weeks after saying go. There has been a potential fee increase, but not sure. Not only is Portland listed but Bangor is also listed as being a potential developing site. There may be a possible retake policy of a wait period of 14 days. The CBT testing contract cannot be signed until after rulemaking has been finished. It appears that it will cost \$95 per exam and the Board is looking at making the VSWS exam from 3 hrs to 2 hrs to save the operator on the expense of the exam.

June Exams: There are approximately 40-45 people taking at least one exam in Augusta and 20-25 people taking an exam in Portland

Old Business

Statue: Table discussion on rule making since sub-committee members not present.

SWOCS TCH's are currently being added to SWOCS.

Board member status: Class III seat is vacant and some are up for reinstatement. Kerry Smart and Chris Crovo's re-appointment should have been back in June. The former Governor did not appoint anyone for

the class III vacancy or any of the re-appointments. Board members were reminded that if they wanted to be reappointed that they needed to fill out the paperwork and send that in with a current resume.

Operator Issues:

See Operator Compliance for Operator Complaints.

New Business

DWP- DHHS has a new Commissioner- Mary Mayhew

ABC -

Annual Conference:

EPA – The EPA has a video clip of why students choose the industry.

NEWWA – Working together with the EPA on a workforce development.

MWUA –

MRWA –

JETCC –

The Calendar of meetings and exams for 2011

Meetings:

July 14th- Rules Work Session

September 15th – Augusta

November 17th- Topsham

Exams:

June 21, 2011 in Augusta – June 23, 2011 in Portland
Deadline May 7, 2010

October 25, 2011 in Augusta – October 27, 2011 in Presque Isle
Deadline September 3, 2010

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 P.M.

Work Session: July 14th in Augusta