

Final
BOARD OF LICENSURE OF WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS
Nov 17, 2011 Meeting

Members Present:

Trevor Hunt, Chairman, Bath Water Dist
David Bartlett, Assistant Chair
Kerry Smart, Alfred Water Dist
Chris Crovo, Portland Water Dist
Greg Kidd, Water Educator Rep.
Teresa Trott, DWP

Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Clerk
Tom, Bahun, MRW

Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 A.M.

General Administration:

Approval of the September 15, 2011 minutes, Kerry Smart motioned to accepted the minutes as amended. Teresa Trott 2nd. David Bartlett abstained as he was not present. Board approves. Passed

Financial Report: The 90E account has been changed to a 10A account. Right now a little bit behind on operator renewals. We did not send out 600 renewals as budgeted for but only 583. The board has approximately 30 new operators a year.

Operators Update:

TCH Policy Review: Greg Kidd motioned to table it until the January meeting. David Bartlett 2nd the motion. Board agreed. Passed unanimously.

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.

Old Business

Statue:

Response to those who Commented: Greg Kidd motions to accept the responses to those that commented. David Barlett 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Rules: Greg Kidd motions to accept the rules with an effective date of January 2, 2012. Teresa Trott 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

SWOCS TCH's are currently being added to SWOCS.

Board member status: All board members have been reinstated. The Class III seat is still vacant.

October Exams: Seventy-eight exams were given. The Board from now on would also like to know the number of new examinees.

There was a mix-up with class 3 & 4 Treatment exams. ABC has offered to give these at no cost and to provide the correct test at no cost plus mileage.

ABC Exams: ABC will charge the board \$95 annually for each test that has even one question changed from the standard test. Teresa Trott will review the questions on the standardized test. The board may advise ABC to update tests, based on what it sees on the test.

Exam Applications: The exam applications have now been changed. To request to take a paper exam, the examinee only need to fill out a one page request. Once an examinee passes, then a full application of 4 pages will need to be filled out with work history, education, and will need to be notarized in order to receive a license.

New Business

DWP- DWP rules will absorb the fluoridation rules. Emergency response plans in operator requirements.

ABC -

Annual Conference:

EPA –

NEWWA –

MWUA –

MRWA – The 3 day conference has 11 TCH's possible and going to be giving a tour.

JETCC –

The Calendar of meetings and exams for 2012

Meetings:

January 26, 2012, meeting in Augusta

May 17, 2012, meeting in Topsham

September 20, 2012, meeting in Augusta

November 15, 2012, meeting in Topsham

Exams:

March 29, 2012 Paper tests in Bangor
Must be postmarked by February 4, 2012

October 25, 2012, Paper tests in Presque Isle
Must be postmarked by September 1, 2012

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 A.M.

Next Meeting: January 26, 2012 in Augusta