

Meeting of Maine Board of Licensure of Water System Operators

November 20, 2015

Greater Augusta Utilities District Waste Water Treatment Facility, Augusta, ME

Present:

- Gregory Kidd, Chair, Educator Representative, Northeast Water and Wastewater Training Associates
- Mike MacDonald, Vice Chair, VSWS Representative, Contract Operator, New England Utility Management Enterprises
- Mary Ellen Bowers, NTNC Representative, Water Quality Compliance
- Brian McBride, Class IV Operator Representative, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Wells Water District
- Kerry Smart, Class II Representative, Alfred Water District
- Teresa Trott, Maine DHHS Representative, Maine Drinking Water Program
- Julia Kimball, Board Clerk

Excused:

- Jeffrey Day, Class III Operator Representative, Lincoln Water District

Guests:

- Paul Gauvreau – Maine Attorney General's Office
- Jim Katsiaficas – Attorney representing Michael MacDonald
- Kirsten Hebert – New England Utility Management Enterprises, LLC
- Roger Crouse- Drinking Water Program

Meeting called to order at 9:07 AM by Greg Kidd

1.Review of Minutes- 10/21/15 Meeting

Kerry motioned to accept the minutes

Greg seconded

Motion carried by vote

2.Exams

A summary of paper and computer exam totals were discussion. Proctoring wastewater/ drinking water exams at the same time was discussed.

3. Presentation/Discussion of Complaints

Complaint #15552- The Board voted to send a letter of reprimand to Michael MacDonald concerning Negligence of duty – (installed treatment prior to receiving DWP approval). This action was agreed upon through a suggestion by Michael MacDonald and Jim Katsiaficas. During a Board conference with the parties.

4. License Status

Rule change updates were discussed. No fee increases will be implemented, but Board would like to narrow “inactive period” for licensees. It was determined that the Board will have to go to Statute to change renewal period dates.

5. Stakeholder and Associates Updates

- ABC- Greg will propose expenses for his trip to ABC conference in January.
- EPA-No updates at this time
- NEWWA-No updates at this time
- MWUA-No updates at this time
- MRWA-No updates at this time
- JETCC-No updates at this time

Adjourn-11:11 AM

Kerry moved to adjourn meeting

Mike seconded

Motion carried by vote

Next meeting January 15, 2016

Meeting dates for 2016: January 15, 2016, March 18, 2016, May 20, 2016, July 15, 2016, September 16, 2016, November 18, 2016.