

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Environmental Certification
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., November 12, 2013
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Mr. Rutland delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Called to Order

William Armes, Chairman, of Simpsonville, called the regular scheduled meeting of the S. C. Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:06 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included Elizabeth Williams, vice-Chair, of Sumter; Mitch Dew, of Latta; Jimmy Rodgers, of Greenwood, and Hank Rutland, of Orangeburg.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Erin Baldwin, General Counsel; Todd Bond, Chief Investigator, OIE; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Theresa Garner, Interim Administrator; and Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel.

William Armes announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Environmental Certification Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present.

Section 40-23-40

Williams Armes stated the purpose of this board is to protect the general public through the regulation of persons engaged in occupations appointed by the legislature for regulation by the Board. These occupations are referred to in Chapter 23 collectively as Environmental Systems Operators.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION

Mitch Dew made a motion to excuse David Baize from this meeting. Hank Rutland seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Hank Rutland made a motion to excuse Dwight Johnson from this meeting. Mitch Dew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the September 10, 2013 Minutes

MOTION

Mitch Dew made a motion to approve the September 10, 2013 minutes as presented. Jimmy Rodgers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Application Hearing

Curtis C. White-Physical/Chemical Wastewater

This proceeding was recorded by a certified court reporter in order that a verbatim transcript is available should one be necessary.

The Board received Mr. Curtis C. White's Physical/Chemical Wastewater Training application on October 21, 2013. Because of his criminal convictions, it could not be approved at the staff level.

Mr. White was notified that he would need to appear before the Board to answer any questions the Board members or advice counsel might have regarding his convictions. He called to request that his name be placed on the agenda. He was mailed a letter confirming that he would be scheduled to appear before this Board on November 12, 2013.

MOTION

Mitch Dew made a motion the Board approve Mr. White's application for a Physical/Chemical Wastewater Trainee permit. Hank Rutland seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks-William Armes

William Armes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Armes recently attended a wastewater operator conference and noted there were approximately 600 attendees. During the conference, there was discussion regarding the regulations to ensure they would be easily implemented and that they were sound and effective. He heard good remarks regarding the regulations.

Interim Administrator's Remarks-Theresa Garner

Theresa Garner stated the 2014 Environmental Certification meeting schedule was posted to the Board members' secure website.

There are currently 9,363 licensees. Following the continuing education audit seven Cease and Desist Orders were issued. All but one of the seven licensees complied with the audit.

Theresa Garner reminded the members of the process for Board members to travel to regional or national meetings.

The beginning cash balance for September was \$273,995.78.

The Bottled Water Exam is now being administered through Applied Measurement Professionals (AMP) effective November 5, 2013. The Environmental Certification website has posted a notice alerting Bottled Water Operators of the exam requirement and refers them to the AMP website for instructions. Staff has also listed the study reference sheet on the Board's website.

a. Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General

There were no advisory opinions given during this meeting.

b. Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There was no legislative update given during this meeting.

c. OIE Report-Office of Investigations and Enforcement

Todd Bond reported the IRC met on October 13, 2013 at which time one case was discussed. He further stated the case was recommended for a letter of caution.

MOTION

Mitch Dew made a motion the Board approve the IRC report of October 13, 2013. Hank Rutland seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Todd Bond stated the Office of Investigations and Enforcement has received seven complaints. With the motion made today all seven complaints have now been closed.

Todd Bond stated corrections noted by the Board have been made to the citation and that it should be made available for use shortly.

d. OGC Report-Office of General Counsel-Erin Baldwin

No report was given.

Discussion Topics

Georgia Lewis discussed the approval process for the proposed statute and regulations, which take different paths in the legislature.

Committee Reports

Elizabeth Williams stated the well water committee is in the last stages of updating and categorizing each question. She will be sending the questions to each committee member for review.

Public Comments

No public comments were given during this meeting.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter into executive session.

Adjournment

MOTION

Hank Rutland made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mitch Dew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The November 12, 2013 meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Environmental Certification is scheduled for January 14, 2014, Room 108.