

MINUTES

Environmental Certification Board
Tuesday, November 8, 2011
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order:

William Armes, Chairman, called the regular scheduled meeting of the S. C. Environmental Certification Board to order at 10:00 a.m. Other board members participating in this meeting included David Baize, of Columbia; Mitch Dew, of Latta; Dwight Johnson, of Jefferson; Jimmy Rodgers, of Greenwood; Hank Rutland, of Orangeburg, and Elizabeth Williams, of Sumter.

Staff members participating during the meeting included Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Dean Grigg, General Counsel, Theresa Garner, Program Assistant, and Georgia Lewis, Office of General Counsel.

Public Notice

Chairman 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.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Armes; the invocation was given by Mitch Dew.

Approval of the September 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Dwight Johnson made a motion to approve the September 13, 2011, meeting minutes. Hank Rutland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Request for Board Appearance-Renewals

Marion D. Sikes-Water Treatment #8573 & Biological Wastewater #14408

Mr. Sikes appeared before the board regarding his water treatment and biological wastewater license renewal payments of \$460.00. He stated it would be a burden for him to have to pay the penalty fees of \$200.00. He asked the board to consider waiving the penalty fees, and allowing the Town of St. Matthews to pay the \$30.00 renewal fees.

Executive Session:

David Baize made a motion to go into executive session at 10:25 a.m. Jimmy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session:

A motion was made at 10:40 a.m. by Dwight Johnson to come out of executive session. Jimmy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Chairman Armes noted for the record that no votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

MOTION:

David Baize made a motion stating that since Mr. Sikes had presented unique circumstances to the board, and in dealing with his situation, and in recognition, the board would reduce the late fees of \$400.00 to \$200.00. Mr. Sikes would be responsible for paying the late fee of \$200.00 plus the \$60.00 reapplication fees. Dwight Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Armes stated that staff would send a letter further explaining the motion.

Well Driller Bond Form Revisions-David Baize

Board members were given a sample of the current bond that is being used by other LLR boards. David Baize stated that the revised language is being drafted by legal counsel. Dean Grigg said the bond is being redrafted, and basically is a rewrite of the first paragraph; basically a few subtle changes. Dean asked that the board approved the changes.

MOTION:

David Baize made a motion to modify the well driller bond by approving the language that was provided to them, along with the changes they discussed. Dwight Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks-William Armes

Approval to attend the ABC Conference

Elizabeth Williams reported that she had attended LLR's Symposium for board members on October the 11th, presented by Director, Catherine Templeton. Board members were given an overview of LLR, along with information regarding travel and ethics.

Chairman Armes asked board members to approve travel for him, and Elizabeth Williams to attend The ABC Conference being held in Tampa, Florida, in January of 2012.

MOTION:

Mitch Dew made a motion to approve travel for William Armes, and Elizabeth Williams to attend the ABC Conference in 2012. Hank Rutland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Administrator's Remarks-Lenora Addison-Miles

Lenora reported the board currently has 9,042 active licensees. The beginning cash balance as of September 2011 was \$123,060.35, total revenues \$67,974.02, expenditures \$27,098.23, and administrative transfers \$19,818.55. The cash balance at the end of September was \$144,117.59.

She distributed board member user ID's and passwords so that board members will be able to access the board member website.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel:

There were no advisory opinions given.

Legislative Updates, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office:

There was no report given.

OIE Report-Office of Investigations and Enforcement

There was no report given.

OGC-Report-General Counsel

The report was given by Georgia Lewis. She stated as of 11/8/11, the board has closed 23 cases. At this time, there were no open or pending actions.

Committee Reports:

Elizabeth Williams reported that the Continuing Education Committee has met and discussed Guidelines for Relevant CE education. They discussed delivery methods, and guidelines that verify attendance, etc.; these guidelines will be placed on ECB's website. A final report will be given at the January Board meeting.

On Friday, November the 4th, Director, Catherine Templeton, forwarded all board members a review of a clean-up version of the statutes. Environmental Certification recently changed their laws, and the version that they received was the "old" version. Lenora will meet with Holly Gillespie concerning these changes.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

MOTION:

Dwight Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Mitch Dew seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 10, 2012, in Room 108.

NOTE: These minutes are a brief summary of the meeting recordings of the motions, and official actions taken by the Board. A transcript providing more details of this meeting is available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Environmental