

South Carolina State Board of Environmental Certification

Board Meeting-May 9, 2006

The Board held a regular scheduled meeting on May 9, 2006, at 110 Centerview Drive, Synergy Business Park, South Carolina.

It was noted for the record that official notification of the meeting had been sent to the Offices of LLR-Public Information and LLR-General Counsel, appropriate newspapers and WIS-TV in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S. C. Freedom of Information Act.

In the absence of the Board Chair, and Vice-Chair, Mike Bailes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members and guests were William Armes, David Baize, Dwight Johnson, Drennan Park and Hank Rutland; Dona Caldwell, Administrator, DeLeon Andrews, Investigator, Theresa Garner, Board staff; Sharon Dantzler and Dwight Hayes, Legal Counsel; Robert Myers, Charleston CPW; John Young, WSRC; Jo Ellen Trueblood, City of Camden; Charlie Gunter, Carolina Water Service; Stephen D. Hyde, Orangeburg DPU; John Roberts and William DeYoung, Carolina Polymers; Kenneth Strother and Ray Freivolt, Town of Lexington; Larry M. Lightsey and Tyrone Johnson, B.J.W.S.A.; Dennis J. Driscoll and David B. Stancil, Clemson University; Evan Park, Beaufort Marine Institute; Mike McFadden, Crenlo, LLC; John Pittman, Devro; Jim Matthews, OLEI; Dee Bennett, City of Columbia and Elizabeth Williams, ETC. Absent was excused board members, Frankie Burden and Rebecca West.

Section 40-23-40

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 this chapter collectively as Environmental Systems Operators.

Where action is recorded below, it was taken in each case on motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Motion: Drennan Park moved to approve the March 14th Board Minutes. David Baize seconded the motion. **Approved.**

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A verbatim transcript of these proceedings is included as part of the permanent record.

Certified Pool Certification/Application Hearing Sammie J. King

Mr. King was not in attendance. William Armes moved, seconded by Hank Rutland to deny Mr. King's application for a Swimming Pool/Spa Certification. **Denied.**

Certified Pool Certification/Application Hearing Evan G. Park

Hank Rutland moved, seconded by Dwight Johnson to accept Mr. Park's Swimming Pool/Spa application, contingent on the following: Mr. Park will be placed on three (3) year's probation, and will submit a SLED report at each renewal period. **Approved.**

Certified Pool Certification/Application Hearing Donald E. Sellers, Jr.

Mr. Sellers was not in attendance. Hank Rutland moved, seconded by William Armes to deny Mr. Sellers' application for a Swimming Pool/Spa Certification. **Denied.**

Trainee Permit Extensions

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Charlie P. Gunter Water Distribution #2282

Drennan Park moved, seconded by David Baize to grant Mr. Gunter a one (1) year extension on his trainee permit. **Approved. William Armes opposed.**

Stephen D. Hyde Water Distribution # 2212

William Armes moved, seconded by Dwight Johnson to grant Mr. Hyde a one (1) year extension on his trainee permit. **Approved. Legal Counsel, Sharon Dantzler, noted for the record, that Hank Rutland had recused himself from the discussion and vote.**

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**Tyrone Johnson
Water Distribution #1463**

David Baize moved, seconded by William Armes to extend Mr. Johnson's trainee permit for six (6) months. Failure to pass the exam will result in him not being granted any more extensions. **Approved.**

**Abraham Shuler, Jr.
Water Distribution # 2084**

Drennan Park moved, seconded by David Baize to grant Mr. Shuler a one (1) year extension on his trainee permit. **Approved.**

**Kenneth S. Strother
Water Distribution # 2207**

Dwight Johnson moved, seconded by William Armes to grant Mr. Strother a one (1) year extension on his trainee permit. **Approved.**

**Kenneth J. Doctor
Water Distribution # 1854**

David Baize moved, seconded by Drennan Park to extend Mr. Doctor's trainee permit for six (6) months. Failure to pass the exam will result in him not being granted any more extensions. **Approved.**

**Julius Wright
Water Distribution # 1422**

Drennan Park moved, seconded by Dwight Johnson to grant Mr. Wright a one (1) year extension on his trainee permit. **Approved.**

**Dennis J. Driscoll
Biological Wastewater # 13150**

William Armes moved, seconded by Dwight Johnson to grant Mr. Driscoll a one (1) year extension on his trainee permit. **Approved.**

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William P. DeYoung
Physical/Chemical Wastewater # 6417

Drennan Park moved, seconded by Dwight Johnson to grant Mr. DeYoung a one (1) year extension on his trainee permit. **Approved. William Armes recused himself from discussion and voting.**

Ronald D. Abstance
Water Treatment # 7778

Hank Rutland moved, seconded by Dwight Johnson to grant Mr. Abstance a one (1) year extension on his trainee permit. **Approved.**

Joseph M. Smith
Biological Wastewater # 6892

David Baize moved, seconded by William Armes to deny Mr. Smith's request for a trainee permit extension. **Denied. Mr. Smith was not in attendance.**

Tabled to the July meeting, was Agenda Items "D", Discussion of a Lab Committee, "E", Trainee Extension Criteria for Staff, and the Investigator's Report.

Discussion Matters

There were no discussion matters.

Chairman's Report

Since the Chairman was not present, a report was not given.

Committee Updates

There were no committee updates.

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Public Comments

It was requested that the Board clarify the meaning of “Direct Supervision” for trainees. William Armes suggested sending a written request that this item be placed on the July agenda for discussion.

The board was asked the question “Is it true that all distribution operators do not have to be licensed as long as one person on the job site was licensed at the proper grade”? Mike Bailes stated that statement was correct, according to legal counsel.

The board was asked, “If a person’s trainee permit expired, and they had been granted several extensions, did that mean they could never request to have another trainee permit”? Dona stated they can re-apply at a later date, but the board could deny the request. She said if you interpret the law, the law says you will be given one (1) two year training permit unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Dona did caution the board members about receiving calls from specific licensees who were eliciting help. If a question comes up later regarding a case involving that individual, the board member will have to recuse himself or herself.

Adjournment

William Armes moved, seconded by Dwight Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.