

## MINUTES

Environmental Certification Board  
Tuesday, January 10, 2012  
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 10:05 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; James Saxon, Advice Counsel, and Theresa Garner, Program Assistant.

### **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.

### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Hank Rutland and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chairman, William Armes.

### **Approval of the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

#### **MOTION:**

Dwight Johnson made a motion to approve the November 8, 2011, meeting minutes. Mitch Dew seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

Mitch Dew made a motion at 10:07 a.m. to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Hank Rutland which carried unanimously.

**Return to Public Session**

A motion was made at 10:50 a.m. by Dwight Johnson to come out of executive session. Mitch Dew seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Chairman Armes noted for the record that no votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

**Request for Board Appearance-Reinstatement**

**David E. Tucker-Biological Wastewater #9649**

Chairman Armes, recused himself, and Vice-Chairman, David Baize, presided over the reinstatement request.

Mr. Tucker appeared before the board to request that he be reinstated as a "B" Biological Wastewater Operator without having to retake all three (3) exams again.

**Executive Session**

Mitch Dew made a motion to go into executive session at 11:05. Jimmy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Return to Public Session:**

A motion was made at 11:11 a.m. by Hank Rutland to come out of executive session. Mitch Dew seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Vice-Chairman, David Baize, noted for the record that no votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

**MOTION:**

Jimmy Rodgers made a motion to deny Mr. Tucker's request to be reinstated at the "B" level without taking the exams. The motion was seconded by Hank Rutland, which carried unanimously.

**Well Driller Bond Revisions**

Board members were given copies of the revised well driller bond.

**MOTION:**

Jimmy Rodgers made a motion to accept the well driller bond revisions. Dwight Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **Relevant CE's for Water, Wastewater and Well Drillers**

Elizabeth Williams presented the Continuing Education Committee's recommendations for specific guidelines for water, wastewater, and well drillers. This will help clarify what educational courses will be accepted by the board.

### **MOTION:**

David Baize made a motion to accept the committee's recommendations for relevant Continuing education guidelines as amended. Hank Rutland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **Chairman's Remarks-William Armes**

Chairman Armes announced that he will be on medical leave for the next few months, and Vice-Chair, David Baize would preside over the March meeting.

### **Administrator's Remarks-Lenora Addison-Miles**

Lenora reported the November 2011 budget showed a beginning balance of \$123,060.35, revenues were \$77,595.87, and expenditures were \$57,097.27. The year end balance is \$107, 764.21. Active licensees are 9,127, and the board issued 108 new licenses.

Office of Investigative Enforcement (OIE) had five (5) complaints for the 2011 calendar year, (2) are still active. The Office of General counsel (OGC), had no cases.

### **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 General Counsel**

This report was presented during the Administrator's remarks.

### **OGC-Report-General Counsel**

This report was presented during the Administrator's remarks.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. John Young, Chairman of the Water Environment Association stated he had read the 2012 Regulatory Report regarding disbanding the Environmental Certification Board, and was interested in partnering and supporting the actions of the board in responding to the report.

Mr. Jim Matthews, liaison for the Water Environmental Association, echoed Mr. Young's concerns for disbanding the Environmental Certification Board, and stated the WEA would support and help with the board's actions.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:**

Hank Rutland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dwight Johnson which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 13, 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](http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Environmental)**