

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

April 17, 2014

Present for the Council meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2014, were: Richard Reed, member and chair; Terry Meister, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Beth Darnell, member; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Dan Cloyd, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:13 a.m. in EPA Conference Room B.

Tracey Phelps made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell to approve the March 20, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

Steven E. Lamale, City of Fremont, 2nd submittal, received 04/10/2014

Wastewater

Elizabeth C. Moore, City of Miamisburg, 3rd (final) submittal, received 04/10/2014

Michael S. McGlothin, Lake County, 2nd submittal, received 03/20/2014

Alexander T. Berki, City of Lorain, 2nd submittal, received 03/31/2014

Steven S. Carathers, City of Wooster, 2nd submittal, received 04/16/2014

Robert R. Elmerick, Medina County, 1st submittal, received 03/21/2014

Mitchell Beckner, City of Troy, 1st submittal, received 04/15/2014

2) Class IV Actions

There were no Class IV exams distributed at the March 20, 2014 Council meeting.

3) Reciprocity

Robert L. Barcsansky has held a Wastewater Treatment Grade 4-M certification since 12/19/2005 in the State of Massachusetts. The State of Massachusetts was not able to provide a representative copy of the examination taken but indicated they use ABC-3 for this certification.

Michael D. Gray has held a Class A Water certification since 02/08/2001 in the State of Missouri. The State of Missouri was not able to provide a representative copy of the examination taken but provided information about the exam and a test description.

Sam Mazzone has held a Class II Water certification with the State of West Virginia since June 20, 1995. West Virginia provided a representative copy of their Class II public water system operator certification exam.

Terry Meister made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell recommending Robert Barcsansky and Sam Mazzone each be issued a Wastewater Treatment II certification and Mr. Gray's request be denied since the State of Missouri would not share a representative copy of their exam. Motion carried.

4) Operator-in-Training

Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between the March 20, 2014 and April 17, 2014 Council meetings were: Brandan Bales (WSA); Michael J. Byrne II (WC2); Christian Clark (WS1); John DeGriskey (WW1); Ryan Friend (WW1); Erin Huffman (WW1); Jay Judy (WS1); Kevin K. Kiser, Sr. (WW2); Mitchell Lambert (WSA); William Long (WW1); Frederick Miller (WS1); James M. Muskera (WW1 & WS 1); Travis Neff (WW1); Steven Stackey (WS2); Joseph Stubner (WW1); Brian S. Terrell (WS2); Michael Tong (WW2); Jason Warren (WC2); Martin Williams Jr. (WC2).

5) Other Business

At 9:16 a.m. Council met with Mark Ciccone regarding his Class IV examination and his wastewater experience with the City of Struthers. Council made suggestions to Mr. Ciccone regarding some research about his system he may want to do before he submits his second submittal.

The Council reviewed the syllabus and requirements for the Environmental Resources Management, Associate of Applied Science program through The Ohio State University.

Terry Meister made a motion to deny the substitution of experience credit for this program based on Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-06(C)(3)(c) states "The director may accept substitution of each year of college completed by an applicant, not holding a bachelor's degree, for one year of required operating experience. Substitution shall only be granted provided that the applicant was pursuing a degree in environmental, chemical, or civil engineering, or a physical or natural science." Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:06 a.m. Beth Darnell made a motion to move into Executive Session. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:25 a.m. Tracey Phelps made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Class IV applications for Mitchell Beckner, Kevin Givins (WW) and Orin A. McMonigle (WS) were approved between the March 20, 2014 and April 17, 2014 Council meetings.

Beth Darnell made a motion at 11:38 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. Dan Cloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, May 15, 2014 in Ohio EPA Conference Room B.

Council Approved: May 15, 2014