

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

March 20, 2014

Present for the Council meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014, were: Richard Reed, member and chair; Terry Meister, member; Mike Gallaway, 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 9:15 a.m. in EPA Conference Room A for a Class IV Presentation. Four operators, Valerie Meyers, Andrew McClure, Thomas McVicker and William Stout attended the presentation. The presentation and follow up questions ended at approximately 10:05 a.m. and attendees were given the opportunity to review successful Class IV examinations. All participants remained to review exemplary Class IV examinations.

The regular Council meeting was called to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Tracey Phelps made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell to approve the January 23, 2014 minutes. Motion carried. Richard Reed and Terry Meister abstained.

Terry Meister made a motion seconded by Dan Cloyd to approve the February 27, 2014 minutes. Motion carried. Beth Darnell and Tom Jedlinsky abstained.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

There were no water examinations distributed at the March, 2014 meeting.

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2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Alonzo Waitman	City of Dayton	Recommend passing
Anthony Vigorito	Mahoning Valley	Tabled & returned to Operator Certification

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Mark Ciccone	City of Struthers	Return & invite to meet w/Council

Mike Gallaway made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell that the submittal from Mr. Ciccone was inadequate and should be returned asking him to schedule a meeting with the Council; recommending the Class IV of Anthony Vigorito be referred to Operator Certification for further review of his credentials and recommending passing the examination of Alonzo Waitman. Motion carried.

3) Extension

James E. Troike, Stark County Sanitary Engineer, requested an extension to submit his Class IV examination. His first submittal is due May 30, 2014.

William R. Roberts, City of Warren, requested an extension until May 30, 2015 for his second submittal.

Mike Gallaway made a motion seconded by Tracey Phelps recommending Mr. Troike be given a one year extension to submit his Class IV and Mr. Roberts be given a six month extension to submit his second Class IV. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

Mark D. Snowden has held a Water T2 certification since 07/01/2008 and a Water Distribution Grade D2 since 10/09/2008 with the State of California. A written examination is required to become certified but the State of California has not made a representative copy of the examinations available for our review.

Terry Meister made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell recommending Mr. Snowden's request be denied since the State of California would not share a representative copy of the exam. Motion carried.

5) Operator-in-Training

Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between the February 27, and March 20, 2014 Council meetings were: Jason A. Belcher (WW1); John Bender (WD1); Brian L. Benson (WW1); Jeffrey S. Beverly (WWA); Ryan J. Boley (WW1); Joshua D. Bush (WW2); Robert E. Byrer (WS2); John P. Caperton (WD2); Donald D. Captain (WW1); Wayne A. Carkido (WW1); Thomas H. Clemson (WSA and WW1); Colvin, Mark (WW1); Kermit R. Frazier, Jr. (WS1); Brian A. Hazelett (WW1); Steven J. Henderson (WS1) Mitchell L. Lambert (WW2); Marcus A. Leibas (WW1); Shane M. Long (WW1); Cory J. Mahon (WS1); Kyla M. McKee (WW1); Vincent McMichael Jr. (WS1); Andre C. Moore (WS1); Eric Robinson (WC2); Stephen M. Rossette (WW2); Bruce W. Ross (WS2); Vincent Schloemer (WS1); Jeremy C. Westfall (WW1); John T. Witherell (WW2).

6) Other Business

The Council reviewed the syllabus and requirements for Kirkwood Community College's Water Environmental Technology Online program. The Wastewater Specialist Diploma and the Water Treatment Specialist Diploma programs were reviewed. Mike Gallaway made a motion to accept a single diploma as a substitute for 9.3 months of experience credit (based on the number of course hours) at the Class 2 or 3 levels in the field of the diploma. In the event an operator were to take both programs and request credit in both fields the Council recommended accepting the second diploma for 5.9 months of experience (due to course crossover in both majors) toward the second field. The diplomas could not be combined to reduce the experience necessary for one field. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 12:10 a.m. Tracey Phelps made a motion to move into Executive Session. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 12:28 p.m. Tracey Phelps made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Class IV application for Eric Myers (WW) was approved between the February 27 and March 20, 2014 Council meetings.

Mike Gallaway made a motion at 12:29 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, April 17, 2014 in Ohio EPA Conference Room B.

Council Approved: April 17, 2014