

Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators February 20, 2003

Present for the meeting on February 20th were: Robert Brown, chair; Debbie Metz, vice chair; Chris Clark, member; Dail Holloper, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Gayle Mitchell, member; Kirk Leifheit, secretary; and Karen Morr, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:57 a.m.

1. Exam Revisions

Board members reviewed changes to the exam for April.

2. Class IV, Part I

The Board reviewed the following Part I applications &/or additional information:

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
David R. Brandon	Medina Co. Sanitary Eng.	Wastewater	Recommend denial based on the lack of required experience time as an assistant to the Class IV responsible charge operator.
Lowell E. Eisnaugle	NEORS- Southerly	Wastewater	Recommend approval.
Darrell S. Hollon	City of Greenville	Wastewater	Hold for more information from the Division of Surface Water (DSW).
James R. Reider	Geauga County	Wastewater	Hold for more information from the Division of Surface Water (DSW).
Gregory A. Squire	Earth Tech - Clermont County	Wastewater	Hold for more information from the Division of Surface Water (DSW).
William G. Steiner	KB Compost Services	Wastewater	Recommend approval.
Jeffrey A. Vaughn	EORWA	Wastewater	Hold for more information from the Division of Surface Water (DSW).
Gregory C. Widmer	Lake County	Wastewater	Hold for more information from the Division of Surface Water (DSW).

A motion was made by Dail Holloper, seconded by Debbie Metz to hold the Class IV, Part I application of Darrell S. Hollon, James R. Reider, Gregory A. Squire, Jeffrey A. Vaughn, and Gregory C. Widmer for additional information; to recommend approval of Lowell E. Eisnaugle's and William G. Steiner's application; and to recommend denial of David R. Brandon's application. Motion carried.

3. Class IV, Part II (new)

Keith B. Collins, City of Mason (Rec'd 1/22/03)

Keith A. Radick, [FBA] Allen County Wastewater (Rec'd 12/30/02)

4. Class IV, Part II (resubmittals)

Name	Location	Type	Rec'd Date	Number copies
Doyle L. Johnson	Warren County	WW	1/15/03	On Hold

A motion was made by Chris Clark, seconded by Richard Lorenz to hold the Class IV, Part II resubmittal of Doyle L. Johnson for additional information from the Division of Surface Water and the Office of Legal Services. Motion carried.

5. Class IV, Part II (action)

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Eric Heiser	Clermont County Sewer & Water	Water (resubmittal)	Recommend approval.
Anthony M. Hoholski	City of Lorain	Wastewater (resubmittal)	Return for Plant and System sections.
Dennis Horgan	Cleveland-Baldwin	Water (resubmittal)	Return for Plant section.
Patrick L. Sweet	US Filter-Franklin Area WWTP	Wastewater (resubmittal)	Recommend approval.
Timothy M. Tigue	NEORS	Wastewater	Recommend approval.

A motion was made by Dail Hollopeter, seconded by Gayle Mitchell, to recommend that the Class IV, Part II examinations of Eric Heiser, Patrick L. Sweet and Timothy M. Tigue be approved, and to recommend that the Class IV, Part II examinations of Anthony M. Hoholski, and Dennis Horgan be returned for revisions. Motion carried.

6. Class IV, Part II (in review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	GM	RL	DH	DM	BB
Tyrone Butler, Cleveland Div. Water	x		**	x		x	

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	GM	RL	DH	DM	BB
Michael L. Ritter, Fostoria WWTP (resubmittal)	**	x			x		x

**denotes who currently has package

x denotes who has reviewed package

7. OIT's

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Randy L. Akins	WD 2	Recommend for approval
James N. Badanjek	WS 1	Recommend for approval
Chet L. Baughman III	WW 3	Recommend for approval
Todd Brandenburg	WC 2	Needs additional time
David F. Hernandez	WW 1	Recommend for approval
Dana Kalinski	WW 3	Recommend for approval
Lou G. Lewis	WW 1	Recommend for approval
Natasha C. Maughmer	WD 1	Needs additional time
Danuta Mazur	WS 1	Recommend for approval
Janelle C. McKee	WD 1	Needs additional time
Charles W. Miller Jr.	WS 1	Recommend for approval
Somnath Pandya	WS 3	Recommend for approval
Kevin Price	WC 2	Recommend for approval
Cleve M. Reinhard	WS 2	Needs additional time
Thomas C. Scothorn	WS 1	Needs better documentation
Brenda J. Sweeney	WS 1	Recommend for approval
Lois A. Webber	WD2	Recommend for approval
Todd S. Webster	WW 3	Recommend for approval

A motion was made by Chris Clark, seconded by Dail Hollopeter, to recommend approval of the OIT documentation and issue certificates to all of the above except Todd Brandenburg, Natasha C. Maughmer, Janelle C. McKee, Cleve M. Reinhard, and Thomas C. Scothorn who need more experience time or better documentation of duties. Motion carried.

8. Reciprocity

Dave Sanford - WA reciprocity - letter: Board determined that his experience would qualify him to sit for the Wastewater Treatment Class III exam. His current reciprocity level was decided by the exam review that was available.

9. Enforcement Cases

Joe Chaffin, Clearview MBH, WW3, WS3 – appealed
John Hilliard, City of Greenfield, WW3, WS2 -

10. Operator Requests

Name	Request	Action
Douglas Warrick	Wants an extension of time to submit his OIT documentation	Recommend a two year extension.
Tim Tehan	Request to have contact hour approvals renewed	The agency is developing a process for contact hour course renewal. Kirk Leifheit will discuss with Mike Baker.

A motion was made by Dail Hollopetter, seconded by Gayle Mitchell, to recommend approval of a two year extension for Douglas Warrick to submit his OIT documentation form. Motion carried.

11. Strategic Plan

No additional information was presented. Rick Magni continues to work with the Division of Surface Water to get classification information.

12. Contact Hour Update

Karen reported on the use of additional staff to review the contact hour applications that have been on hold since July 2002.

13. OpCert Database Update

Tab Brewster provided an update. Contact Hour courses are able to be entered and approved. Currently he is working with Data and Systems to develop the ability to add and enter people and to be able to relate those people to the courses they took for contact hours.

14. Other Business

Discussed a possible stakeholder’s meeting in May to discuss the Class IV process and the use of a facilitator.

Discussed the availability of exam reviews for those operators who are within one or two questions of

passing on the Math portion of the exam. Less than 100 operators have been offered the chance to review their October 2002 exams.

Kirk will work on the Board memo to the Director tomorrow. Dail Hollopeter offered to assist Kirk.

Discussed the letter from the City of Wadsworth published in the Buckeye Bulletin.

Discussed the meeting with the Association of Boards of Certification in March.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m. on Thursday, February 20th, 2003. (Gayle Mitchell motioned, Richard Lorenz seconded. Motion carried.)

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk M. Leifheit
Secretary