

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD

June 16, 2020

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:07 AM on June 16, 2020 by Sam Call, Chairman.

The following members and guests were present:

Members Present in Person:

Sam Call

Members Present by Phone:

Jon Pons Orlando Coronell Kim Greenwood
Sarah Long Wendell Pickett

Guests Present in Person:

Stephen Denning Steve Reid Jay Frick

Guests Present by Phone:

Amanda Berger Don Price Lee Keiser Catrice Jones
Heather Cagle Allen Oldham Carla Meadows Alaina Strater
Erin Carpenter

Sam Call read the Statement of Ethics and asked if anyone had any conflicts of interest with the day’s agenda items. There were no mentioned conflicts.

The first item of board business was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Sam Call called for a motion to accept the minutes. Wendell Pickett made a motion to accept the minutes and Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sam Call asked if there were any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

The next item of business was certification reinstatement requests.

The board received a letter from Matt Brock requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Distribution certification again. Mr. Brock’s C-Distribution certification expired in 2018. Orlando Coronell made the motion that Mr. Brock be allowed to sit for the C-Distribution exam again within one year after paying \$120 in back fees. Wendell Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Rachel Ingham requesting that he be able to obtain his A-Surface certification again. Ms. Ingham’s A-Surface expired in 2000. Wendell Pickett made the motion that Ms. Ingham be allowed to sit for the A-Surface exam again within one year after paying \$120 in back fees and retaking the A-Surface school. Kim Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item of business was ORC exception requests.

The Board received a permission request from Timothy Taylor to serve as the ORC for the following systems:

Town of Cleveland	0180050	C-Well	Rowan Co.
Town of Cleveland	0180050	B-Distribution	Rowan Co.
Town of Cleveland	0180050	Cross-Connection	Rowan Co.

Wendell Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Sarah Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next request was the bi-annual spreadsheet submittal from Aqua N.C. Amanda Berger from Aqua N.C. was in attendance by phone to answer any questions from the Certification Board. There were a few questions regarding the spreadsheets' number of violations and what those violations were. Ms. Berger was able to answer those questions and no board action was needed at this time.

The next item of business was temporary certification requests.

There were none.

The next item of business was out-of-state requests.

The Board received an out-of-state application from John Carl Dunlap requesting permission to take a well, a surface and a distribution exam. Mr. Dunlap holds a class T3 and D3 water license in California and has 7 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Dunlap be allowed to take the B-Surface, B-Well and B-Distribution exams. Wendell Pickett made the motion that Mr. Dunlap be allowed to take the B-Surface, B-Well and B-Distribution exams within two years of the approval. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Scotty Wallace requesting to take a surface exam. Mr. Wallace holds a Grade II Water Treatment license and a Grade II Distribution System operator license in Tennessee and has 4 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Wallace be allowed to take the C-Surface exam. Wendell Pickett made the motion that Mr. Wallace be allowed to take the C-Surface exam within one year of the initial approval. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item of business was military training and experience requests.

The Board received a military reciprocity application from Cedric R. Matthews requesting to take a distribution, well, cross-connection and surface exam. After reviewing his information and experience, Sam Call recommended that Mr. Matthews be allowed to take the B-Surface exam. Wendell Pickett made the motion that Mr. Matthews be allowed to take the B-Surface exam within one year of the initial approval. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item of business was other requests. There were none.

The next item of business was classification of water treatment facilities.

The following new system classifications were submitted by the various regional offices for the board's approval:

- **Chinquapin Development – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)**
- **Golden Valley RV Park – C-Well, C-Distribution**
- **Olde Mill Trace – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)**
- **Mendenhall S/D – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)**
- **The Sanctuary at Vance Mountain – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)**

Wendell Pickett made a motion to approve the new classifications as submitted. Kim Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was Board Issues - Compliance. There were no items.

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The next item of business was education.

Steve Reid pointed out the fact that there have been no exams given since the last meeting in March and that the inability to give exams was a strain on water operators, water systems, and the revenue of the certification board program. He welcomed ideas from the board members as to how exams could be administered amidst the current restrictions in place because of COVID-19. The conversation shifted to the ability of the training organization to hold schools and how the

virtual trainings were going so far. Due to the need for the schools to have plenty of advance notice for planning their fall schools, Wendell Pickett made a motion that the temporary approval for virtual training be extended until the end of calendar year 2020. Sarah Long seconded the motion and the motion passed. Sam Call requested that staff continue to pursue exam options and if action is needed by the board, he will call a special call-in meeting to address the need.

Sam Call asked for volunteers to proctor the August 27, 2020 exams. Sam Call and Jon Pons volunteered to proctor the Morganton site. Wendell Pickett and Sarah Long volunteered to proctor the Raleigh site. There were no volunteers for the Snow Hill site. Sam Call asked Stephen Denning to reach out to some of the board members that were not in attendance to see if they were available to help in Snow Hill.

The next item of business was other.

Sam Call asked for any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

Sam Call asked if there were any announcements or general discussion. There were none.

Sam Call stated the next meeting date would be September 15, 2020.

Sam Call asked for a motion to adjourn. Wendell Pickett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Denning, Board Secretary