

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD

September 15, 2020

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:02 AM on September 15, 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	Ann Wall
Sarah Long	Tiffanie Hawley	Linda Raynor	

Guests Present in Person:

Stephen Denning	Steve Reid	Jay Frick
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Guests Present by Phone:

Heather Cagle	Allen Oldham	Erin Carpenter	Jill Weese
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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. Jon Pons made a motion to accept the minutes and Ann Wall 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 John Ackerman requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Distribution certification again. Mr. Ackerman’s C-Distribution certification expired in 2013. Linda Raynor made the motion that Mr. Ackerman be allowed to sit for the C-Distribution exam again within one year after paying \$120 in back fees and retaking the C-Distribution school. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Roland Burnette requesting that he be able to obtain his B-Distribution and Cross-Connection certifications again. Ms. Burnette’s B-Distribution certification expired in 2002 and his Cross-Connection certification expired in 2005. Orlando Coronell made the motion that Mr. Burnette be allowed to sit for the B-Distribution and/or the Cross-Connection exam again within one year after paying \$120 in back fees for each certification type he wishes to reinstate and retaking the Cross-Connection and/or B-Distribution school based on the corresponding certification he wishes to reobtain. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board received a letter from Robert Thaxton requesting that he be able to obtain his C-Surface certification again. Ms. Thaxton’s certification expired in 2013. Ann Wall made the motion that Mr. Thaxton be allowed to sit for the C-Surface exam again within one year after paying \$120 in back fees and retaking the C-Surface school. Sarah Long seconded the motion. The motion passed

The next item of business was ORC exception requests.

There were none.

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 Garry Dean Oliver requesting permission to take a surface exam. Mr. Oliver holds a class I water license in Georgia and has 7 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Oliver be allowed to take up to an A-Surface exam. Kim Greenwood made the motion that Mr. Oliver be allowed to take up to an A-Surface exam within one year of the approval. Ann Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board received an out-of-state application from Troy G. Cassidy requesting to take a well exam. Mr. Cassidy holds a Grade B Water Treatment license in Florida and has 13 years of experience. Sam Call recommended that Mr. Cassidy be allowed to take up to an A-Well exam. Jon Pons made the motion that Mr. Cassidy be allowed to take up to an A-Well exam within one year of the approval. Kim Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

There were none.

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:

- **Rutledge Landing North – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)**
- **S.T. Wooten Corp – C-Well**
- **Camberly S/D – C-Well, C-Distribution (<100 connections)**

Linda Raynor made a motion to approve the new classifications as submitted. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was Board Issues - Compliance.

There were no items.

The next item on the agenda was Board Issues – Rules

There were no items.

The next item of business was education.

There were no exam results to review as no exams have been given since the last meeting. Steve Reid did take time to explain how the current exams are being given in groups of 9 examinees and 1 proctor over multiple sessions per week for approximately six weeks. The process has been going smoothly so far.

Sam Call asked for volunteers to proctor the October 29th, 2020 exams. Sam Call and Jon Pons volunteered to proctor the Morganton site. Kim Greenwood and Tiffanie Hawley volunteered to proctor the Raleigh site. Ann Wall tentatively volunteered for the Snow Hill site, but requested that she be contacted when solid location plans had been made.

The next item of business was other.

Steve Reid explained how there was growing concerns from operators about their ability to find professional growth hour courses in order to fulfill their requirement for the year. He mentioned how there were problems with accessibility for some operators that were only being left with online training options. He proposed that the enforcement of the PGH requirement be deferred until the end of 2021, giving the operators until 12/31/2021 to complete 12 hours of PGHs. Jon Pons made the motion that the board extend the requirements of the 2020 training until the end of 2021. Ann Wall seconded the

motion. The motion passed.

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 December 8, 2020.

Sam Call made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Raynor seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Denning

Stephen Denning, Board Secretary