

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING MINUTES

Dates: Thursday, September 18, 2014
Time: 8:30 am
Location: AAFES Bldg, Honolulu, Oahu, Rm 309 Conference Room
Attendees: Kevin Nakamura (KN), Chair, Hawaii Water Environment Association
Virgilio Viernes (VV), Vice-Chair, County of Maui
Dr. Roger Babcock (RB), University of Hawaii Faculty
Lee Mansfield, P.E. (LM), Professional Engineer in Private Practice
Loren Tanigawa (LT), County of Kauai
Ron Hay, P.E. (RH), Private Sector
Robert Souza (RS), City and County of Honolulu

MINUTES

A. Call to Order at 9:20 am September 18, 2014

B. Review July 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

1. The minutes of the July 10, 2014 Board of Certification (BOC) meeting were approved.

C. Old Business

1. Covanta HRRV WWTP Oahu, RB to do classification – PENDING.
2. DRC notification needed for Gary Franger's two aerobic systems in Hauula – has been contacted by phone and email – PENDING.
3. BOC Website Updates: RB will work with IT to make changes approved at last BOC meeting - PENDING.

D. New Business

1. Introduction of new Board of Certification member. Robert HK Souza, took the oath of office in the presence of a notary. Robert represents the City and County of Honolulu.
2. August 2014 Examination Results
 - a. Grade 1 exam: 7 of 15 passed (47%)
 - b. Grade 2 exam: 2 of 12 passed (17%)
 - c. Grade 3 exam: 2 of 11 passed (18%)
 - d. Grade 4 exam: 1 of 14 passed (7%)
3. CBT Exam Results

- a. For 2014 (January 1 – September 18): A total of 17 CBT examinations were taken in Honolulu. There were 4 passes.
4. Requests for CEUs:
 - a. Cresencio Camero: Awarded 4.5 CEUs for University of Phoenix writing and math courses which can be applied to qualification for the Grade 4 examination.
5. DRC Notifications:
 - a. Kukuiula South Shore Community WWTP, Class II facility, DRC Ryan Saiki, Grade 3; secondary DRC Herman Santos, Grade 4
 - b. Lihue Puhi WWTP, Class III facility, DRC Philip Bonsi, Grade 4; secondary DRC Dane Park, Grade 3.
 - c. Honokaa WWTP, Class II facility, DRC Eric Krieg, Grade 3; secondary DRC Curtis Wakayama, Grade 3.
 - d. Kealakehe WWTP, Class III facility, DRC Eric Krieg, Grade 3; secondary DRC Dana Riddle, Grade 4.
 - e. Eleele WWTP, Class IV facility, DRC Marvin Fernandez, Grade 4.
 - f. Kuhio Shores WWTP, Class III facility, DRC Theodore Laborte, Grade 3; secondary DRC Ryan Saiki, Grade 3.
 - g. Lawai Beach Resort STP, Class II facility, DRC Theodore Laborte, Grade 3; secondary DRC Ryan Saiki, Grade 3.
6. Requests for Reciprocity
 - a. LeRoy Alvarado. Applied for Grade 4 by reciprocity from New Mexico. Approved pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
 - b. Martin Roush. Applied for Grade 3 by reciprocity from Arizona. Hawaii only grants reciprocity for Grade 2 with Arizona. A Grade 2 license is approved pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee. He will be informed that, based on his experience, he qualifies to sit for the Grade 3 and Grade 4 examinations.
7. Requests for Temporary Certification:
 - a. Brydon Burdett (CCH). Applied for a temporary Grade 4 license for work at Kailua Regional WWTP under DRC Duane Carrick. Grade 4 temporary certificate approved for 2 years pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
 - b. Zeus Gran (CCH). Applied for a temporary Grade 2 license for work at Kailua Regional WWTP under DRC Duane Carrick. Grade 2

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8. Wastewater Treatment Plant Classifications
 - a. Notification received of the need to classify a new plant at Kohanaiki WWTP in Kailua-Kona. RH will conduct the plant rating.
9. Request for Course Evaluation for CEU approval
 - a. None
10. BOC Operating Budget
 - a. The current budget ceiling is \$21,000. Due to increases in travel costs, exam fees, needs to have meetings on outer islands, need to attend ABC conference, etc. the budget should be increased to \$30,000. This will necessitate increases in fees that are specified in HAR 11-61. Thus, the process to revise HAR 11-61 will begin. Proposed fees: Renewal \$100, Exams \$100, Application fees \$50, Certificate fees \$75.
11. Request to Reinstate Expired License
 - a. Primus Delagarza possessed a Grade 3 license in HI issued in 2009 that expired while he was working in CA. He previously held a Grade 4 license in HI that also expired. Request to reinstate is denied. Mr. Delagarza will be informed that he is eligible to sit for the February 2015 Grade 4 examination.
12. License Renewal Applications. 272 Approved; 48 Denied (16 need signatures, 23 require more CEUs, 9 require follow-up); 2 Retired
13. Planned meetings, exams, deadlines for remainder of 2014
 - a. Meetings: October 30-31 (Molokai/Maui), November 13 (Oahu), December 11-12 (Hilo)
 - b. License Renewals: All expire on October 15, 2014
14. Planned meetings, exams, deadlines for 2015
 - a. Meetings: Feb 4 Oahu (HWEA Conf), Mar 19-20 Kona, May 14 Oahu, July 16-17 Lanai, Sept 3 Oahu, Oct 15-16 Kauai, Nov 12 Oahu, Dec 10 Oahu
 - b. Exams: Feb 12 (apps due Dec 5), Aug 20 (apps due June 5)

E. Adjournment: September 18, 2014 – 12:40pm

Next BOC Meeting: October 30-31, 2014 (Molokai/Maui)