

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2015
Time: 9:00 am
Location: DOH Wastewater Branch, 919 Ala Moana Blvd, Room 309, Honolulu
Attendees: Kevin Nakamura (KN), Chair, Department of Health
Robert Souza (RS), Vice-Chair, City and County of Honolulu
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

Unavailable: Virgilio Viernes (VV), County of Maui
Guest: Jon Baker

MINUTES

A. Call to Order at 9:15 on September 3, 2015

B. Review March 2015 Meeting Minutes

1. The minutes of the July 23-24, 2015 Board of Certification (BOC) meeting were approved.

C. Old Business

1. DRC notification needed for Gary Franger's two aerobic systems in Hauula – still pending

D. New Business

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Kevin Nakamura is nominated for Chair and Rob Souza is nominated for Vice-Chair. They were elected unanimously.
2. OPS Challenge Participant CEUs (Jon Baker): HWEA 2015 conference Ops Challenge participants earn 1.0 CEU. In addition, the 5 participants in Ops Challenge at WEFTEC earn 1.0 CEU.
3. HWEA May 28, 2015 Storm Water Workshop CEUs: Contact hours in both the biosolids track and the stormwater track are approved for CEU credits.
4. Joe Hogan. Upon review of all documentation, it is confirmed that Mr. Hogan holds a Grade 2 license.

5. Separate Applications for CBT exams: New CBT-only application forms (I and II) will be created to allow operators to apply for CBT tests at any time.
6. Operator Examinations at Kailua WWTP. Future exams will be held there on an as-needed basis.
7. Review of ABC August Exam scores.
 - a. Results: Grade I: 6 of 14 passed (43%), Grade II: 5 of 14 passed (36%), Grade III: 2 of 9 passed (22%), Grade IV: 0 of 16 (0%)
 - b. Exam results are approved for release to examinees
8. CBT Exam Results.
 - a. Totals for July-August 2015: Four of five exams passed (1 of 1 Gr I, 2 of 2 Gr II, 1 of 1 Gr III and 0 of 1 Gr IV).
9. Requests for CEUs:
 - a. Kaiulani Osorio. Certificate for 0.53 CEUs from the 2015 HWEA/AWWA Pacific Water Conference is approved.
10. DRC Notifications:
 - a. Kaupulehu WWTP, Class II facility, DRC Jon Kawamura, Grade 4.
 - b. St. Stephen's Diocesan WWTP, Class I facility, DRC William Larita, Grade 1.
 - c. Wahiawa WWTP, Class III facility, DRC Warren Abamonga, Grade 3.
 - d. Lanai City WWTP, Class I facility, DRC Cassandra Martin, Grade 4.
 - e. Lahaina WWRF, Class IV facility, DRC Cassandra Martin, Grade 4.
 - f. Kona Westwind, Class II facility, DRC Brian Lamb, Grade 4
11. Requests for Reciprocity:
 - a. Howard Hamilton. Applied for Grade 4 by reciprocity from Oregon. Approved pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
 - b. Adam Mathews. Applied for Grade 1 by reciprocity from Illinois. Approved pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
12. Requests for Temporary Certification:
 - a. Steven Bacalso. Applied for a temporary Grade 4 license for work at Lahaina WWRF. Approved pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
13. Wastewater Treatment Plant Classifications: None

14. Request for Course Evaluation for CEU approval:
 - a. UV Disinfection Training at East Honolulu WWTP. A training and tour by Trojan equipment supplier for 2.5 hrs. Training is approved for 0.3 CEUs for Anthony Sanchagrín, William Lima and Leon Soong.
 - b. Bismarck State College. Wastewater Treatment on-line course, WATR 120, 3 semester credit hours is approved for 8 CEUs.
15. Planned meetings, exams, deadlines for 2015
 - a. Meetings: Oct 15-16 Kauai, Nov 12 Oahu, Dec 10 Oahu
 - b. Exams: Next is February 2016

E. Adjournment: September 3, 2015 – 2:00 pm

Next BOC Meeting: October 15-16, 2015 (Kauai)