

South Carolina State Board of Environmental Certification

Board Meeting-March 14, 2006

The Board held a regular scheduled meeting on March 14, 2006, at 110 Centerview Drive, Synergy Business Park, South Carolina.

It was noted for the record that official notification of the meeting had been sent to the Offices of LLR-Public Information and LLR-General Counsel, appropriate newspapers and WIS-TV in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S. C. Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman, Frankie Burden, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. William Armes gave the invocation. Other members and guests were William Armes, Mike Bailes, David Baize, Dwight Johnson, Drennan Park, and Hank Rutland; Dona Caldwell, Administrator, DeLeon Andrews, Investigator, Theresa Garner, Board staff; Sharon Dantzler and Dwight Hayes, Legal Counsel; Mark Bush, Tommy Ellis and Stephen White, Lancaster County Water & Sewer; Jo Ellen Trueblood, City of Camden; Robert Todd, Grand Strand Water & Sewer; Jay Kates and Dean Boatwright, Water Systems, Inc.; Randy Lowell, Willoughby & Hoefler, PA; John Lynch, Edward Close, and James Wright, of John Lynch Pools; William Liddell, Mohawk; Vernon Price and Bill Grant, Chester Metropolitan District; John Hill and Sharon Scott, S. C. Department of Corrections; Rusty Hildebrand and Darrien Brown, Broad Creek PSD; Joe Riley, GCRC; Terry Sims, NIS; Carl Yurkovic, Town of Holly Hill; Elizabeth Williams, Central Carolina Technical College, and Dee Bennett, City of Columbia. Absent was excused board member, Rebecca West.

Section 40-23-40

The purpose of this board is to protect the general public through the regulation of persons engaged in occupations appointed by the legislature for regulation by the board. These occupations are referred to in this chapter collectively as Environmental Systems Operators.

Where action is recorded below, it was taken in each case on motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Motion: Mike Bailes made a motion to approve the January 10th Board Minutes. William Armes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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A verbatim transcript of these proceedings is included as part of the permanent record.

**Certified Pool Certification/ Application Hearing
Edward D. Close**

William Armes moved, seconded by Dwight Johnson to accept Mr. Close's Swimming Pool/Spa Application with conditions. Approved.

**Certified Pool Certification/Application Hearing
James A. Wright**

Mike Bailes moved, seconded by Dwight Johnson to accept Mr. Wright's Swimming Pool/ Spa Application. Approved.

**Request for Well Driller Supervision-Bio Tech
Stuart L. June
Timothy M. Gregory**

David Baize moved, seconded by Drennan Park to accept the Well Driller applications for Mr. June and Mr. Gregory with conditions. Approved. Chairman Burden opposed.

Trainee Permit Extensions

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**Dean L. Boatwright
BL #13230, WT #7807 & P/C #6382**

Mike Bailes moved, seconded by Drennan Park to grant a (1) year extension for Mr. Boatwright's Biological, Physical/Chemical, and Water Treatment Licenses. Approved.

**Darrien Brown
Water Distribution #538**

William Armes moved, seconded by Mike Bailes to deny Mr. Brown's request for an extension. However, the board will allow him six (6) months to take and pass an exam. Denied.

**Charles T. Cassidy
Water Distribution #1578**

Mike Bailes moved, seconded by William Armes to deny Mr. Cassidy's request for an extension. Mr. Cassidy was not present. Denied.

**Terry D. Jones
P/C Wastewater #6242**

Mike Bailes moved, seconded by Drennan Park to deny Mr. Jones' request for an extension. Denied.

**William M. Liddell
Biological Wastewater #13248**

Hank Rutland moved, seconded by Mike Bailes to grant Mr. Liddell a (1) year extension on his trainee permit. Approved.

**Charles W. Long, Jr.
Water Treatment #7788**

Drennan Park moved, seconded by William Armes to grant Mr. Long a (1) year extension on his trainee permit. Approved.

**Robert D. Todd
Water Treatment #7179**

Mike Bailes moved, seconded by Drennan Park to grant Mr. Todd a six (6) month extension on his trainee permit. Approved.

**Carl Yurkovic
Biological Wastewater #13255**

Mike Bailes moved, seconded by Hank Rutland to grant Mr. Yurkovic a (1) year extension on his trainee permit. Approved.

**Robert G. Desrosiers-Water Distribution #2113
Donald E. Roberts-Water Distribution #2117**

Mike Bailes moved, seconded by William Armes to deny Mr. Desrosiers, and Mr. Roberts requests for a (1) year extension on their trainee permits. They were not in attendance, and are no longer employed by Chester Metropolitan District. Denied.

**Vernon Price
Water Distribution #2115**

Mike Bailes moved, seconded by Drennan Park to grant Mr. Price a (1) year extension on his trainee permit. Approved.

**Mark S. Bush-Water Distribution #2068
Tommy C. Ellis-Water Distribution #2140**

Drennan Park moved, seconded by Hank Rutland to grant Mr. Bush and Mr. Ellis a (1) year extension on their trainee permits. Approved. Mike Bailes recused himself from voting.

Discussion Matters

Dona Caldwell gave an update regarding computer based testing. She stated the testing for water distribution, water treatment, biological wastewater, and physical/chemical

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wastewater was available on January 22, 2006. The certified pool operators started testing on March the 1st and the well drillers will start testing on March the 15th. She said from January 23rd through March the 13th, 242 people have signed up to take an exam. For information purposes she gave the pass/fail ratio on the water distribution for “C” & “D” level exams. The passing rate was 82% and 77%. Dona said she has received positive feedback regarding the computer based testing.

William Armes asked how this compared to other states? **Dona** stated, as opposed to last years passing rate of 56% to 60%, it’s a lot better.

Dona passed around copies of a letter from Bruce Haas, regarding remote monitoring. She referred to number (3) on the letter. “Trainee grade operators are **Not** permitted to make any chemical changes to include feed adjustments, chemical tank refills, or any other process control decisions. Please note that even if they are in radio or phone contact with the certified operator, the above-mentioned activities are still not permitted.” Dona said she has been asked if DHEC is not allowing the trainees to do this, then how can the board give them credit for actual operating experience? She said the problem was that complaints are coming from DHEC’s investigators who say that DHEC is not backing them. David Baize said he didn’t think there were that many remote monitoring situations that have been approved. Mike Bailes suggested the board go after the operator of record if they find out a trainee has been performing this type of operation.

Dona said that ABC wanted the board to participate in another exam validation review in water distribution, and water treatment. She asked that Mike Bailes and Hank Rutland serve on the committee, and asked that each of them forward her a list of names of operators they would like to serve on the committee.

William Armes asked what the status was from the last meeting, regarding the board forming a committee to review applications of operators who have lab experience, and are requesting this be used as part of their (1) year of actual operating experience?

Chairman Burden suggested the “Discussion of a Lab Committee”, and “Trainee Extensions Criteria for Staff”, be placed on the May 9th Board Agenda.

Chairman’s Report

Chairman Burden, reminded everyone about the Operator’s Conference March 18th through 22nd in Myrtle Beach. He said he and Dona would be attending.

Committee Updates

There were no committee reports.
Dona said the Engine Bill has been tabled.

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Chairman Burden asked when would the board be holding the hearing that was cancelled? Dona said the respondents have hired new attorneys, and as soon as our attorney has collected all the evidence, it will be rescheduled.

Investigator's Report

42	Open Investigations
3	New Investigations
21	Old Investigations
3	Pending IRC Meetings
6	Legal
1	Closed
9	Closed/from IRC Review

Public Comments

The board was asked for a clarification regarding the (30) minute accessible supervision policy, and when it was voted on? Dona stated this was intended for well drillers only, and was voted on in 2002.

Adjournment

Motion: Mike Bailes made a motion at 3:05 to adjourn. William Armes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.