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Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater and Drinking Water System Operators

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025

I. Call to Order

Robin Strader called to order the regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater & Drinking Water System Operators at 1:04 p.m. EDT, on January 21, 2025, in Frankfort, Kentucky and via Zoom.

II. Roll Call

Robin Strader conducted a roll call for the attendees. The following persons were present:

Robin Strader, Chairperson

Jason Marion, Vice Chairperson

Tony Hatton, Cabinet Representative

John Cruse

Carl Groce

Jessica Wilhoite, Certification & Licensing Branch (CLB)

Veronica Roland, CLB

Guests

Marlon Bascombe, Division of Enforcement (DENF)

Donna McNeil, University of Kentucky (UK)

BJ Bland, Certification and Licensing Branch (CLB)

Rich Seiler, Certification and Licensing Branch (CLB)

III. Introduction of Guests and Guest Comments

Marlon Bascombe, DENF, Donna McNeil, UK, BJ Bland, CLB, and Rich Seiler, CLB, were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

John Cruse entered a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the November 19, 2024, regular board meeting. Carl Groce seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Tony Hatton entered a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the December 17, 2024, regular board meeting. John Cruse seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

V. New Business

a) Exam and Reciprocity Requests (Addendum 1)

b) John Cruse entered a motion to release today's exam requests and list of approved trainings (Addendum 2). Carl Groce seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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c) Operator Discussion (BJ Bland)

BJ Bland, CLB, presented information to the board from his briefing sheet regarding the referral received from the Division of Water pertaining to certified operator Mark Gilreath at the City of Williamsburg.

The board requested a summary or breakdown of agreed orders. The board also requested to have the following people attend in person at the February meeting:

Mark Gilreath, Operator
Roddy Harrison, Williamsburg Mayor
Mark Stephens, Engineer
Rob Miller, Division of Water, London Regional Office
Ryan Wilson, Division of Water, London Regional Office
Shannon McLeary, Division of Water Branch Manager

VI. Unfinished Business

- a) Distribution manual: Donna McNeil updated the board on the status of the remaining chapters. All distribution chapters have been added to the Dropbox.

VII. Communication and Announcements

A financial summary of the wastewater certification account and drinking water certification account was distributed to the board members in their packets for their information.

Jessica gave a general update on the Certification and Licensing Branch.

VIII. Executive Session

No executive session.

IX. Adjournment

Carl Groce entered a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Cruse seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. EDT.

Minutes submitted by: Veronica Roland

Minutes approved by: CG/JC

AI ID	AI Name	License Requested	Reciprocity	State	Determination	Comments	1st	2nd	Motion Passed
131591	Kevin B Thompson	WW Collection IV	N		Approved		RS	JM	Y
160210	Daniel C Adams	WW Collection IV	N		Approved		RS	JM	Y
173182	Jon R Reckers	WW Collection IV	N		Approved		RS	JM	Y
101149	William J Johnson	WW Collection IV	N		Approved		JM	JC	Y
104717	Greg D Spillman	WW Collection IV	Y	NC	Approved		JM	JC	Y
184589	Jeremy D Cox	WW Treatment II	Y	TX	Approved		RS	JC	Y
184660	Jonathan S Cruse	DW Distribution IV	N		Approved		RS	JM	Y
174097	Robert E Gipson	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		JM	CG	Y
178115	Austin C Barker	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		JM	CG	Y
127073	Russel T Pierson	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		JM	CG	Y
174375	Rodney M Casteel	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		RS	JM	Y
184710	Christopher R Hart	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		JM	CG	Y
184835	David R Ward	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		RS	JM	Y
183850	Steven T Dixon	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		JM	CG	Y
173282	Dominic Murphy	DW Treatment IVA	N		Approved		RS	JM	Y
107360	Jamison J Smith	DW Treatment IVD	N		Approved		RS	JM	Y

AI#	Training Provider	Name of Training	Date	Hours Requested	Hours Approved
Wastewater Trainings					
175380	Nezat Training & Consulting Inc	Sewer Cleaning 102	1/10/2025	7.0	7.0
WW/DW Combined Trainings					
171022	Jacobs Engineering Group Inc	Module 4 Operator Course	12/19/2024	2.25	1.5
108602	KY Division of Water	Introduction to Watershed Watch and Sampling	TBD	7.0	7.0
1063	KY American Water Co	Boil Water Special-Bacteriological Sampling-Lab	12/19/2024	1.0	1.0
Drinking Water Trainings					
125686	US Environmental Protection Agency	Updating Your AWIA RRA and ERP	2/12/2025	2.0	2.0
108571	Kentucky Rural Water Assoc	2025 Management Conference	2/19/2025	WW 10.0 DW 12.0	WW 10.0 DW 12.0

Certified Training Provider Approval		
AI #	Training Provider	Approval Expires