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Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater and Drinking Water System Operators

Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2024

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 1:10 p.m. EDT, on December 17, 2024, 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

BJ Bland, Certification and Licensing Branch (CLB)

Rich Seiler, (CLB)

Josh Daley, (CLB)

Afua Martin, (CLB)

Lindsey Bibbee, Division of Water, (DOW) Inspector (via Zoom)

April Rich, (DOW) Inspector (via Zoom)

Matt Meyers, Office of Legal Services, (OLS)

Mark Julian, Henderson Co. Water District (HCWD)

Courtney Haggard, (HCWD)

James Graves, (HCWD)

Kenny Rideout, (HCWD Board Member), By Phone

III. Introduction of Guests and Guest Comments

BJ Bland, CLB, Rich Seiler, CLB, Josh Daley, CLB, Afua Martin, CLB, Lindsey Bibbee, DOW, April Rich, DOW, Matt Meyers, OLS, Mark Julian, HCWD, Courtney Haggard, HCWD, James Graves, HCWD and Kenny Rideout, HCWD, were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

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IV. Disciplinary Discussion

The meeting began with BJ Bland, CLB, presenting information to the board from his briefing sheet regarding the NOV received by certified operator Mark Julian.

The board members concluded their questioning of Mr. Bland at 1:17 p.m.

The board members then began speaking with the inspector, Lindsey Bibbee who concurred with the information presented in Mr. Bland's briefing sheet.

The board members concluded their questioning of Ms. Bibbee at 1:21 p.m.

The board members then began speaking with Mr. Mark Julian. The board members asked Mr. Julian a series of fact-finding questions related to the NOV received and the information presented in the briefing sheet.

The board members concluded their questions of Mr. Julian at 1:55 p.m.

Next, Jessica Wilhoite contacted Kenny Rideout by phone for the board members. The board members began questioning Mr. Rideout at 1:56 p.m.

The board concluded their questioning of Mr. Rideout at 2:00 p.m.

V. Executive Session

Jason Marion made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the interviews, information presented for Mark Julian. John Cruse seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The board entered executive session at 2:01 p.m.

Carl Groce made a motion to exit executive session. John Cruse seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The board came out of executive session at 2:46.

The following motion was made by Jason Marion:

Whereas, based upon information presented and obtained through written and oral communication to this Board related to Mr. Mark Julian's professional conduct and/or performance as a member of the certified drinking water operator community,

Be it resolved that the Board recommends Mr. Julian and his entire staff, including certified and non-certified staff (operations and maintenance), attend and participate in an ethics and recordkeeping training of two to four hours with Cabinet staff; and

Be it further resolved, the training with the Cabinet staff be scheduled with the Kentucky Operator Certification Program, and if travel is involved, Mr. Julian's utility will be required to reimburse the Cabinet (for related travel expenses of trainers); and

Be it further resolved, any hours obtained do not count towards operator certification education hours for renewals among certified operators; and

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Be it further resolved; Mr. Julian provide a corrective action plan to the Kentucky Operator Certification Program by June 30, 2025, to ensure the issue is prevented from happening again.

John Cruse seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Jason Marion entered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Groce seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Veronica Roland

Minutes approved by: TH/JC

AI#	Training Provider	Name of Training	Date	Hours Requested	Hours Approved
Wastewater Trainings					
82164	Regional Water Resource Agency	Wastewater Microbiology & Process Control	11/12/2024	12.0	12.0
108606	Clean Water Professionals	Voluntary Pretreatment Certification - Level 1	11/18/2024	16.5	16.5
108606	Clean Water Professionals	Voluntary Pretreatment Certification - Level 2	11/18/2024	20.5	20.5
917	Kimberly-Clark Corp	2025 Kimberly Clark Wastewater Conference	4/15/2025	15.0	15.0
109410	CITCO Water	The Dangers of Untreated Hydrogen Sulfide	10/17/2024	1.0	1.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Hite Creek Odor Control System	10/23/2024	2.0	2.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Sewer Overflow Response Protocol (Q3)	10/14/2024	1.0	1.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Screw Conveyor Operation & Maintenance	10/18/2024	1.0	1.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Sewer Overflow Response Protocol (Q1)	10/14/2024	1.0	1.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Centrifuge Operation & Maintenance	10/22/2024	2.0	2.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Sewer Overflow Response Protocol (Q4)	10/14/2024	1.0	1.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Sewer Overflow Response Protocol (Q2)	10/14/2024	1.0	1.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Drum Dryer System Training - part 2	10/25/2024	1.0	1.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Drum Dryer System Training - Part 3	10/25/2024	2.0	2.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Hazmat Refresher	10/29/2024	7.0	7.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Drum Dryer System Part 1	10/25/2024	1.0	1.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Biosolids at Louisville MSD	10/28/2024	1.0	1.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Drying Basics for Biosolids	10/29/2024	1.0	1.0
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Drum Dryer System Training - Safety	10/25/2024	1.5	1.5
8235	Louisville & Jefferson Co MSD	Drum Dryer System Training - DDS Operation	10/25/2024	1.0	1.0
82582	KY Water and Wastewater Operators Assoc	Wastewater Treatment Certification School	12/3/2024	18.25	18.25
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	CE for Wastewater Operators - Danville	12/3/2024	12.0	12.0
109539	Office of Water Programs CSUS	Membrane Bioreactors 2nd Edition	11/7/2024	14.5	14.5
168458	Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center	US-EPA Fog Abatement & Emerging Pollutants	12/13/2024	8.0	8.0
WW/DW Combined Trainings					
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	CE for Operators - Mtn. Water District	11/20/2024	12.0	12.0
82582	KY Water and Wastewater Operators Assoc	KWVOA - Paris General Technical	11/7/2024	6.0	6.0
125686	US Environmental Protection Agency	We WARN together Integrating WARN in RRAs & ERPs	12/5/2024	1.0	1.0
Drinking Water Trainings					
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	Groundwater Treatment Certification School	9/3/2024	18.0	18.0
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	Distribution System Certification School	10/28/2024	18.0	18.0
108573	KY TN AWWA	2024 Water Loss Workshop	11/15/2024	6.0	6.0
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	CE for Water Operators-Springfield (Hybrid)	12/5/2024	6.0	6.0
177147	Illinois State Water Survey	2025 Virtual Operator Conference	2/4/2025	12.0	12.0
Certified Training Provider Approval					
AI #	Training Provider	Approval Expires			