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***Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater and  
Drinking Water System Operators***

***Meeting Minutes***

**July 23, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

Larry Grubbs and Lonnie Banks called to order the regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater & Drinking Water System Operators at 11:03 a.m. EDT, on July 23, 2024, in Frankfort, Kentucky.

**II. Roll Call**

Larry Grubbs conducted a roll call for the wastewater attendees. The following persons were present:

Larry Grubbs, Chairman  
Robin Strader, Vice Chairwoman  
Jason Marion, member  
Dave Pedigo, member  
Alan Todd, member

Lonnie Banks conducted a roll call for the drinking water attendees. The following persons were present:

Lonnie Banks, Chairman  
Alan Todd, Vice Chairman  
Jason Marion, member

Jessica Wilhoite, Certification & Licensing Branch (CLB)  
Veronica Roland, CLB  
Katie Mauer, CLB

Guests Joining for 1:00 Start of the Meeting

John Kessel, Louisville MSD (MSD)  
Curt Otto, MSD  
James Redd, MSD  
Candace Curtis, MSD  
Matt Myers, Office of Legal Services (OLS)  
BJ Bland, CLB  
Marlon Bascombe, Division of Enforcement (DENF)

**III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Dave Pedigo entered a motion to approve the wastewater minutes as presented for the June 18, 2024, regular board meeting. Alan Todd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Jason Marion entered a motion to approve the wastewater minutes as presented for the July 9, 2024, special board meeting. Dave Pedigo seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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Jason Marion entered a motion to approve the drinking water minutes as presented for the June 18, 2024, regular board meeting. Alan Todd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **IV. New Business**

- a) Exam Requests (Addendum 1)
- b) Dave Pedigo entered a motion to release today's wastewater exam requests and list of approved trainings (Addendum 2). Alan Todd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Alan Todd entered a motion to release today's drinking water exam requests and list of approved trainings (Addendum 2). Jason Marion seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **V. Unfinished Business**

- a) Distribution manual: KWRI told OCP that all chapters will be added to the Dropbox this week.

## **VI. 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.

## **VII. Recess for Lunch**

Jason Marion made a motion to recess for lunch at 11:29 a.m. Robin Strader seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Jason Marion made a motion to return from recess at 1:00 p.m. Robin Strader seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **VIII. Operator Disciplinary Discussion**

The meeting began with the BJ Bland, CLB, presenting information from his briefing sheet regarding the site visit conducted on May 24, 2024. An email was received from John Kessel with concerns of Mr. Redd's qualifications which resulted in the site visit.

The board members concluded their questioning of Mr. Bland around 1:15 p.m.

The board members then began speaking with Mr. John Kessel. The board members asked Mr. Kessel a series of fact-finding questions related to the information provided in his email. In Mr. Kessel's email, he had provided copies of Mr. Redd's applications with discrepancies marked on each one.

The board members concluded their questions of Mr. Kessel around 1:26 p.m.

The board members then began speaking with Mr. Curtis Otto. The board members asked Mr. Otto a series of fact-finding questions related to Mr. Redd's work experience while under his supervision.

The board members concluded their questions of Mr. Otto at roughly 1:39 p.m. EST.

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The board members then began speaking with Mr. James Redd. The board members asked Mr. Redd a series of fact-finding questions related to his application submittals regarding his work experience and start dates with Louisville MSD.

The board members concluded their questions of Mr. Redd at roughly 2:00 p.m. EST.

BJ Bland asked Chairman Larry Grubbs if he could follow up with some additional information after a brief discussion with Mr. Redd. Mr. Bland asked Mr. Kessel to clarify what linear assets meant on Mr. Redd's application. After Mr. Kessel's clarification, Mr. Bland explained to the board that linear assets would be considered as operational experience and Mr. Redd would be able to use it as substitutions.

### **IX. Executive Session**

Jason Marion made a motion to enter executive session at 2:05 p.m. Dave Pedigo seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Jason Marion made a motion to return from executive session at 2:28 p.m. Robin Strader seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

A motion was made after the interviews and job duty clarifications regarding Mr. Redd's class III wastewater treatment application. If Mr. Redd wants to reapply for the class III wastewater treatment certification, he will need to resubmit a corrected and notarized application that includes a detailed and full job history, inclusive of how much time is relevant for wastewater experience. The board is taking no action against Mr. Redd's class II wastewater treatment certification.

Jason Marion made the motion for the recommendation, Dave Pedigo seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board entered back into executive session for the purpose of reviewing and validating the Wastewater Treatment Exams.

Jason Marion made a motion to enter executive session at 2:34 p.m. Dave Pedigo seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Dave Pedigo made a motion to return from executive session at 4:32 p.m. Robin Strader seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

No official action was taken during this portion of the executive session.

### **X. Adjournment**

Robin Strader entered a motion to adjourn the wastewater meeting. Dave Pedigo seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Jason Marion entered a motion to adjourn the drinking water meeting. Alan Todd seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Veronica Roland

Minutes approved by: JW-Agency Approved

AI ID	AI Name	License Requested	Reciprocity	State	Determination	Comments	1st	2nd	Motion Passed
182763	Randall B Rhoades	WW Treatment IV	Y	VA	Approved		LG	DP	Y

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137562	Jason R Atcher	DW Operator Certification-4D	N		Approved		LB	JM	Y
168648	Ryan M McDowell	DW Operator Certification-4D	N		Approved		LB	JM	Y
110571	April Reed-Warriner	DW Operator Certification-4D	N		Approved		LB	JM	Y
183071	Jeremy L Hoffman	DW Operator Certification-4D	N		Approved		LB	JM	Y
183070	Kevin J Kramer	DW Operator Certification-4D	N		Approved		LB	JM	Y
182947	Natalie E Colgate	DW Operator Certification-4A	N		Approved		LB	JM	Y
180396	Matthew A Humphress	DW Operator Certification-4A	N		Approved		LB	JM	Y
176207	Austin C Brinegar	DW Operator Certification-4A	N		Approved		LB	JM	Y

**July List of Approved Trainings**

Addendum 2

AI#	Training Provider	Name of Training	Date	Hours Requested	Hours Approved
<b>Wastewater Trainings</b>					
171022	Jacobs Engineering Group Inc	Module 7 Operator Course	7/9/2024	4.0	3.25
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	Wastewater Treatment Certification	8/26/2024	18.0	18.0
108606	Clean Water Professionals	Wastewater Microbiology Series	7/30/2024	13.0	13.0
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	CE for Wastewater Operators - Whitesburg	7/30/2024	6.0	6.0
<b>WW/DW Combined Trainings</b>					
125686	US Environmental Protection Agency	EPA Cybersecurity for the Water Sector	5/21/2024	1.0	1.0
171022	Jacobs Engineering Group Inc	Module 10 Operator Course	7/9/2024	4.0	3.25
171022	Jacobs Engineering Group Inc	Module 8 Operator Course	7/9/2024	3.5	2.75
125686	US Environmental Protection Agency	Climate Resilience Training Water Sector Utilities	5/9/2024	10.0	10.0
<b>Drinking Water Trainings</b>					
108573	KYTN AWWA	Activated Carbon in Water Treatment Workshop	7/24/2024	6.0	6.0
108571	KY Rural Water Assoc	Surface Water Treatment Certification	7/9/2024	18.0	18.0
114338	S4 Water Sales & Service LLC	Jar Testing in 21st Century	6/26/2024	2.0	2.0
114338	S4 Water Sales & Service LLC	Filter Assessment & Rehab Startup	5/7/2024	4.0	4.0
<b>Certified Training Provider Approval</b>					
AI #	Training Provider	Approval Expires			