

Minutes
Louisiana Committee of Certification
January 16, 2015
Bienville Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Meeting was called to order at 10:43 AM.

ROLL CALL:

A. Determination of Quorum.

Committee Members in attendance were: Dirk Barrios, Chairman, Mayor Vern Breland, Tom Owens (11:30), Tom Walton, Greg Shelden, and Jake Causey.

Absent members were: Camille Mize, and Grant Magnon.

A quorum was achieved.

Recognition of Visitors and Others:

Visitors in attendance: JW Hellums and David Hawley.

DHH staff in attendance: David McCay, Steve Hoss, Sally Collins, and Jim Mooring.

B. Announcements: There were no announcements.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tom Walton and seconded by Jake Causey. The motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Dr. Mooring informed the members that Angela from LRWA contacted him regarding scheduling the time for the July Committee meeting. She asked if 3:30 PM on Tuesday, July 14 would be acceptable. The Committee agreed to that date and time. Next he informed the members that he had received 6 nominees with biographic information from La Conference and that he had recently spoken with Ronnie Harris from LMA about nominees for Mr. Magnon's position.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Hoss informed the members that he had sent out information regarding the new water examination questions to all the trainers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No report

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Louisiana Conference: Mr. Tom Walton reported that the Conference already has 25 exhibitors registered for the Short Course in Alexandria to be held in conjunction with LWEA. and that the agenda is complete. There will be two, special, two day tracks for LWEA. The golf tournament is scheduled for the Monday of the conference. A grant was received from the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority. The Conference will begin the training with the contract from DHH.

LELAA: Steve Hoss reported that two people have applied for the Lab exams in March.

LETA: No report.

LRWA: No report.

LWEA: David Hawley reported that there will be two, special, two day tracks for LWEA and that an operator's challenge will be held during the Conference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kyle Gray:

Dr. Mooring asked the members to look at the minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting in which Mr. Causey stated that we would consult with DHH staff to determine that Mr. Gray has never represented himself as an operator for Dixie Gardens. He also reminded the Committee that there had been some question regarding whether or not DBP monitoring had been done on behalf of TWM. Sally Collins, DHH staff, reported that no results were received for 2013 and that the 2014 first quarter report had been submitted late. He next provided the Committee with a packet of material which included numerous correspondence between Kyle Gray and DHH Region 7 on behalf of Dixie Gardens Water System. Mr. Causey said that Mr. Hennegan called him. Mr. Hennegan stated that he works and lives within an hour of the system but that, during the day, he cannot respond to the system within an hour. He also stated that he does the daily chlorine residual samples and that Mr. Gray does the other samples. It is Mr. Causey's understanding that both are operating the system, with Mr. Gray doing most of the monitoring duties. Mr. Walton reported that the same person owns Taylor Water and Suburban Water but Mr. Gray stated on his correspondence that Taylor Water Management may or may not be associated with the email address Suburban Water. Mayor Breland made the motion to schedule a hearing for Mr. Gray. Mr. Walton seconded the motion which carried.

Brandon Dardeau:

Dr. Mooring provided the Committee with a copy of the letter Mr. Dardeau had been requested to send. The members then instructed Dr. Mooring to send the letter asking Dr. Guidry to place Mr. Dardeau's certifications on probation. The terms of the probation had been previously voted on.

Anika Hubert:

Dr. Mooring provided the Committee with a copy of a letter the letter from Ms. Hubert sent in response to the letter informing her that disciplinary action is being considered. A copy of that letter was also included. Also provided was a copy of the letter of admission sent to Ms. Hubert prior to the November 21, 2014 exam. The letter prohibits the possession of loose papers, among other things. Sally Collins, recounted that she had seen Ms. Hubert in the restroom holding papers with red writing on them. Dr. Mooring showed the members the test packet Ms. Hubert left with the DHH staff in order to go to the

restroom and papers recovered from the restroom. Ms. Collins stated that the papers recovered from the restroom appeared to be consistent with the papers she saw Ms. Hubert holding in the restroom. Mr. Causey made the motion to schedule a hearing for Ms. Hubert. Mr. Walton provided a second and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bobby Grier:

Dr. Mooring provided the Committee with a letter which included violations issued to Union Parish Waterworks District 1 Water System. He also provided a letter from the system stating that Mr. Grier would work under another person's certificates until he obtained his certifications. He obtained Class 1 certificates in 2010. Mr. Hoss verified that Mr. Grier received his Class 2 Water certificates on 1/25/11 after passing the exams on 7/23/10. Tom Walton made the motion to send Mr. Grier a letter informing him that disciplinary action is being considered. Mr. Causey seconded the motion which carried.

Stormwater Training:

Next Dr. Mooring informed the Committee that the Staff's position that stormwater training be valued at one-quarter credit. The request is for full credit. Mr. Walton mentioned that if the training was done relative to wastewater treatment plants and lift stations it may count for full credit as this training is a requirement. Mr. Causey commented that it is a requirement for stormwater control and we do not certify operators for stormwater control. Mr. Causey made the motion to uphold Staff's decision. Mr. Shelden seconded the motion which carried.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Mr. J.W.Hellums asked if it were possible for trainers to have limited access to the OP CERT database in order to input class attendance. Staff answered that the current database program will not permit such and that we would rather have the sign-in sheets as verification.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next scheduled meeting will be held at 10 AM on February 27, 2015 at the Bienville Building in Baton Rouge.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by Mayor Breland was seconded by Mr. Causey and was approved.