

Minutes from conference call Board meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2020.

Roll call was taken by Suzanne Bordelon. Present were Danny Hylton, Mia Townsel, Bubba Wynn, Bo LaGrange, Ricardo de Abreu, Connie Henry, Jason Creel, Wes Wyche and new board member Donovan Driskill. Not present was David Greene. It was noted by current chairman, Bo LaGrange that we had a quorum.

The first item on the agenda was the election of officers. Bo opened the floor up for nominations. A nomination was made by Connie Henry to appoint Ricardo de Abreu as Chairman. No other nominations were made. Ricardo de Abreu was appointed as Chairman. The floor was then opened up for Vice Chairman. A nomination was made by Connie Henry to nominate Bubba Wynn as Vice Chairman, seconded by Ricardo de Abreu. Nominations were closed. Bubba Wynn was appointed as Vice Chairman.

Ricardo delegated the duties of Chairman to Bo to finish proctoring this meeting.

We moved on to review of applications. Brian Gaten, C & D, Level B, was approved upon completion of his two years of experience in January 2021. Motion was made by Bubba Wynn, second by Wes Wyche. Motion passed. Mark Matthews was approved for a C & D, Level A, motion made by Wes, second by Bubba. Motion approved. Michael Nase, C & D, Level A, was approved. Motion made by Jason Creel, second by Ricardo. Motion passed. George Shaw, Landfill, Level A, was approved. Motion made by Jason Creel, second by Connie Henry. Motion passed. Keith Singleton was approved for Landfill, Level B. Motion made by Connie, second by Jason Creel & Bubba Wynn. Motion passed.

Charles Titus' application was discussed. He has held a conditional Level A and will complete two years experience in February, 2021. He is applying for a regular certificate. A motion was made to issue a regular C & D, Level B in February, 2021 by Wes and seconded by Bubba. The motion passed.

Peggy Ross & Tyrone Murphy requested extensions to their conditionals. Discussions regarding whether they met the requirements were made and a motion was made by Bubba Wynn and seconded by Connie Henry. Motion passed.

Applications for recertifications (list attached) were approved. A motion was made by Wes Wyche and seconded by Jason Creel. Motion passed.

Susan Helmer was short 10 hours for recertification due to the cancellation of the Spring Conference. Discussion was made regarding adopting a blanket one year extension to everyone's license expiration (regular or conditional) date if they were not able to meet the recertification requirements, due to circumstances created by Covid and/or hurricanes. A motion was made by Connie Henry and seconded by Ricardo de Abreu. Motion passed.

Issue re-certifications to Danny Hylton. Motion by Bubba Wynn, second by Connie Henry. Motion passed.

Issuance of operator certificates to those whose applications have been approved, and passed the test and those whose were approved and may test soon and can be issued if they pass. A motion was made by Bubba Wynn, seconded by Connie Henry. Motion passed.

Committee reports: Awards committee: Danny Hylton, nothing to report.

Testing: Bubba Wynn, deferred to Suzanne Bordelon. Suzanne reported that testing has been done in the DEQ headquarters building on an as needed basis for operators on the days that she is working in the office (Tuesdays/Thursdays).

Continuing Education: Ricardo de Abreu reported 108 ppl attended virtual conference and commented on how well the virtual conference was attended and how well it went.

Nominating Committee: Connie Henry, deferred to Suzanne Bordelon, reported that Donovan Driskill's letter was signed and he is replacing Bo LaGrange on the Board. A letter for a re-nomination and re-appointment was sent for Wes Wyche. Suzanne had also been waiting to hear from David Green on whom to send the letter to on his behalf for his re-nomination and re-appointment.

All certifications were issued to Donovan Driskill. Motion was made by Bubba Wynn and seconded by Ricardo de Abreu. Motion passed.

The requests for conditionals from Acadiana Landfill were discussed. Jarachin Guidry was approved for a conditional C & D, Level B. Bubba Wynn noted that he would meet the requirements for a regular in 6 months. A motion was made by Bubba Wynn and seconded by Connie Henry. Motion passed.

Betty Collard was denied as she is not currently employed at the facility. Motion was made by Bubba Wynn, second by Jason Creel. Motion passed.

Bo mentioned how much he enjoyed working with the Board and would continue to assist in any way he could. He then entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Jason Creel, and seconded by Danny Hylton. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Meeting minutes by Suzanne Bordelon