

# **Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification September 23, 2004**

Present for the meeting on September 23rd were: Debbie Metz, Chairwoman, Robert Brown, member; Dail Hollopetter, member; Kirk Leifheit, secretary; Vui Chung, member; Chris Clark, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Dave Bornino, OEPA, Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit, and Dan Kenny, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:36 AM. Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, to approve the minutes of the August 19th, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Kirk Leifheit left the meeting at 9:00 AM

## **1. Class IV, Part I**

The Board received notification that the Division of Surface Water (DSW) and the Office of Legal Services have reviewed and recommended the following actions related to Part I applications:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>EMPLOYER</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Frank D'Ambrosio	City of Defiance	Wastewater	DSW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval.
Angelo Klousiadis	City of Kenton	Wastewater	DSW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval.

**2. Class IV, Part II (action)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>EMPLOYER</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Douglas P. Clark	City of Van Wert	Wastewater	Request a meeting with the Board.
Terry L. Huber	City of Lima	Water	Return for additional information.
John J. Nemet	City of Newton Falls	Wastewater	Return for additional information.

Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, to recommend that the Class IV, Part II examinations of Terry L. Huber and John J. Nemet be returned for additional information in various sections and that the Douglas Clark be contacted to meet with the Board regarding concerns in the plant section of his Class IV, Part II examination. Motion carried.

**3. Class IV, Part II (in review)**

**WATER**

<b>NAME, LOCATION</b>	<b>KL</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>VC</b>	<b>RL</b>	<b>DH</b>	<b>DM</b>	<b>BB</b>
Dennis J. O'Brien, Ohio American Water	**		**	**		**	

\*\* denotes who currently has package  
 x denotes who has reviewed package

**WASTEWATER**

<b>NAME, LOCATION</b>	<b>KL</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>VC</b>	<b>RL</b>	<b>DH</b>	<b>DM</b>	<b>BB</b>
Paul Sandstrom, Delaware County		**	**		**		**
Corey Timko, City of Lorain		**	**		**		**

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#### 4. OIT's

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
David Ashworth	WW I	Recommend Approval
Tina Baron	WS I	Recommend Approval
Kenneth Bodnar	WS I	Recommend Approval
Drew Forgrave	WC I	Recommend Approval
Christopher J. Gilcher	WW I	Recommend Approval
Thomas J. Girman	WW III	Recommend Approval
William Johnson	WW I	Recommend Approval
Mark Wagner	WD II	Request additional information.
Thomas Weis	WW II	Recommend Approval
Thomas Weis	WS I	Recommend Approval
Gregory Woodall	WW I	Recommend Approval

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, to recommend approval of the OIT documentation and recommend the issuance of certificates to all of the above except Mark Wagner who need additional information. Motion carried.

#### 5. Strategic Plan

The Board continued to discuss potential revisions to the Class IV exam.

Andy updated the Board on the initial feedback to the draft revisions to the operator certification rules. There are two areas that have generated the majority of comments. Those areas are the minimum staffing times and duties of an operator.

#### 6. Enforcement

The Board went into executive session and to discuss enforcement cases.

The Board also reviewed a request by William Foster to have his certificate reinstated. Mr. Foster indicated that he had complied with the terms of his suspension and would like his certificate renewed. Conversations with the Division of Surface Water and the District Offices indicated that they felt Mr. Foster had complied with his suspension and actually benefited. Robert Brown motioned, seconded by Dail Holloper to recommend the return of Mr. Foster's Class III wastewater certificate.

## **7. Other Business**

The Board conducted a thorough review of draft examinations for the November test cycle. New questions were added to all of the question databases and old questions were modified where necessary to provide clarity.

The Board reviewed an operator in training extension request for Andrea Kroma. Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, to recommend approval of the extension. Motion Carried.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:55 p.m. on Thursday, September 23rd, 2004. Robert Brown, motioned, Vui Chung seconded. Motion carried.

**Board Approved: October 14, 2004**