

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
WATER UTILITY OPERATOR LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 28, 2003
10:00 a.m.

TCEQ
12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. A, 2nd Flr., Rm. 202
Austin, Texas

MINUTES

Members Attending

Larry Bell
Clark Benson
Richard Harbuck
Cathy Henderson
Todd Henry
Debbie McReynolds
Mike Moreno
George Patterson
Fernando Rico
Craig Sherwood
Curtis Smalley

Members Absent

Mauro Perez
Bobby Jean Porcher

Others Attending

Carol Batterton, TCEQ Office of Compliance & Enforcement
Cindy Bronnenberg, TCEQ Austin Region Office
Susan Hier, TCEQ Operator Licensing
Alex Hinz, TCEQ Operator Licensing
Tammy Jaimes, TCEQ Operator Licensing
Dennis King, Texas Rural Water Association
Juanita Lopez, TCEQ Operator Licensing
Paul Muraca, Texas Engineering Extension Service
Robert Tinstman, TCEQ Quality Assurance

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Henderson, Chair, at 10:00 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Non-members in attendance were introduced.

The Minutes of the December 13, 2002 Meeting were approved.

Carol Batterton briefed the Committee on TCEQ budget and legislative session issues.

Cindy Bronnenberg briefed the Committee on the proposed changes to the Public Drinking Water rules 290.46(e). A copy of her handout is with the original of these Minutes.

Bob Tinstman, Dennis King and Richard Harbuck reported on their progress in developing the Surface Water Production II course. Dennis reported that TRWA hoped to complete their draft and submit it for approval by the end of April. Richard reported that TEEX plans to request approval of a separate lab course of 32 hours that will include all the lab work from both surface water courses, plus others. Committee members discussed the relative merits of doing lab training in a dedicated laboratory vs. a temporary site, and the advantages and disadvantages of 2 vs. 3 courses for surface water operators. Bob reported that the Texas Section of the AWWA had volunteered to make recommendations about ways to do lab training. A copy of his handout is with the original of these Minutes. He also indicated he wanted to talk with the Laboratory Analysts Section of TWUA about the subject of availability of labs for operator training. It was agreed that the subject needed more discussion at a future meeting.

Alex Hinz told the Committee that BPAT went from an accreditation to a renewable license. He is a part of a workgroup that is tasked with bringing consistency to the curriculum, exam and training manual.

Juanita Lopez told the Committee that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the EPA Expense Reimbursement Grant was not moving as quickly as we would like it to. TCEQ Legal staff is still reviewing the RFP.

Cathy Henderson reminded the Committee that as of August 31, 2003, the terms of the following members would expire: Clark Benson, Debbie McReynolds, Fernando Rico, Craig Sherwood, and Curtis Smalley. Please send names of nominations to Juanita Lopez. Cathy will be the new Chair. The Committee will also need a new Vice Chair.

The date of the next meeting was set for June 13, 2003, 10:00 a.m. at the TCEQ offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.