

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee
July 14, 2006
9:30 a.m.

TCEQ
12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. A, 1st Flr., Rm. 173
Austin, Texas

MINUTES

Members Attending

Larry W. Bell
Richard E. Harbuck
Charles R. Maddox P.E.
Debbie C. Magin
Robert T. Riley
David Sanders
Carola G. Serrato
Odis Tyler
David L. Yohe

Members Absent

Carol Batterton
Dennis King
Ted Neumann
George Patterson

TCEQ Compliance Support Division Staff Attending

Noreen Helmle
Susan Hier
Juanita Lopez
Belinda Middleton
Nhung Nguyen
Linda Saladino
Dianna Tillerson

Others Attending

James Fischer, TEEEX

Charlie Maddox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present. The members, guests and TCEQ staff introduced themselves. The Minutes of the March 24, 2006 Meeting were approved.

Recognition of Outgoing Members & Election of New Chair

Noreen Helmle recognized the contributions of the three members whose terms were expiring on August 31, 2006: Larry Bell, Charles Maddox and Debbie Magin. Juanita Lopez also recognized the achievements of the three members. Richard Harbuck was nominated and unanimously voted in as the new Chair.

Update of South Central Desalting Association (SCDA) Training.....Charlie Maddox and Linda Saladino

The SCDA Membrane Technology Operations: New Frontiers in Water Treatment Conference will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, September 13-15, 2006. Linda reviewed the conference topics to determine which were appropriate for water only or both water and wastewater. Charlie Maddox discussed the meeting that he and Ted Neuman had with SCDA staff. There was a discussion by the committee members of membrane technology used in El Paso.

Exam Revisions Update.....Linda Saladino

A pool of questions were developed and reviewed by the subcommittee for validity, level, clarity and grammar. A proposed timetable was developed for completion of question review and revisions (no essays). Harold Pearson who has been working on this project as a temporary contractor will be leaving the Compliance Support Division at the end of August, 2006. It is doubtful that the project will be completed before he leaves. Regarding the Class D Wastewater exam, the subcommittee performed a question review and correlated questions to existing training materials.

Results of Instructor Integrity Activity from Water/Wastewater Training Provider Seminar on July 5, 2006.....Linda Saladino

A handout of the results was distributed for review. Richard Harbuck commented that this was an excellent activity and was the highlight of the interaction between the training providers and the regulated agency at the seminar.

Update on Texas Small Public Water Systems Training Program (TSPWSTP).....Noreen Helmle

Effective June 2, 2006, the TSPWSTP was temporarily put on hold because the Contractor unexpectedly did not renew its contract with TCEQ. Licensing fees will continue to be paid for small water system operators who are currently enrolled in the program. Refer to the TSPWSTP website for periodic updates.

Update on Advisory Committee Member Nominations.....Noreen Helmle

Sixteen nominations have been received. Within the next few months, three new members will be appointed by the Commissioners to fill the vacancies created by expiring terms.

Texas On-Line Usage for Licenses.....Susan Hier

Training Roster On-Line Submittal (TROLS).....Susan Hier

Revised 30 TAC Ch. 30 Subchapter J.....Susan Hier
Delinquent Fee & Penalty Protocol effective 9/1/06.....Susan Hier

Next Meeting

It was decided that the next meeting will be scheduled in October 2006.

Charlie Maddox, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.