

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
WATER UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 4, 2002
2:00 p.m.

Texas A&M University
Memorial Student Center, Room 342
College Station, Texas

MINUTES

Members Attending

Richard Harbuck
Cathy Henderson
Todd Henry
Debbie McReynolds
Mike Moreno
Craig Sherwood

Members Absent

Dan Allen
Larry Bell
Clark Benson
Mauro Perez
Bobby Jean Porcher
Fernando Rico
Curtis Smalley

Others Attending

Steve Ballou - Association of Boards of Certification
Beverly Benson - Engitech, Inc.
Alan Dillon - Association of Boards of Certification
Noreen Helmle - TNRCC Operator Licensing
Alex Hinz - TNRCC Operator Licensing
Dennis King - Texas Rural Water Association
Joe Linger - Texas Water Utilities Association
Juanita Lopez - TNRCC Operator Licensing
Paul Muraca - Texas Engineering Extension Service
Robert Stewart - Texas Rural Water Association
Bob Tinstman - TNRCC Quality Assurance

The meeting was called to order by Debbie McReynolds, Chair, at 2:00 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was not present.

Non-members in attendance were introduced.

The Minutes of the December 14, 2001 Meeting were approved.

Steve Ballou, Executive Director of Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) and Alan Dillon, President of ABC, presented an overview of ABC and invited TNRCC to join ABC. The Committee asked Bob Tinstman to review the advantages and cost of ABC membership and report to the Committee.

Richard Harbuck of TEEEX introduced four new laboratory courses TEEEX plans to develop. He distributed copies of a flow chart and four course descriptions. A copy is with original Minutes. Richard invited everyone to tour the new TEEEX Mobile-Lab after the meeting.

Noreen Helmle of TNRCC Operator Licensing announced the dates for the Annual TNRCC Water Utility Operator Instructor Seminar as July 1 - 3, 2002. It will be held in the same location as last year, the Hilton Austin North. Noreen distributed copies of: 30 TAC, Ch. 5, Advisory Committees; Guidance For Implementing HB 2912, Section 1.10; and the TNRCC Advisory Committee for Water Utility Operator Certification web page. A copy of each is with the original Minutes. Each was discussed in detail and Noreen answered questions about them. The Chair will send a memo to all members outlining the important aspects of these documents, specifically the attendance requirements. Noreen brought to the attention of the Committee that the three ex-officio members could not be voting members. It was discussed that the term "ex-officio member" should no longer be used. This item will be put on the Agenda for the next meeting when a quorum is present. Minutes of each meeting will not be posted on the TNRCC web page after the Committee approves them. All members were asked to carefully review these three documents and contact Noreen if they have questions. Comments should be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

Alex Hinz of TNRCC Operator Licensing presented recent changes within the water and wastewater