

Meeting of Maine Board of Licensure of Water System Operators

March 17, 2017

Greater Augusta Utilities District WWTP, Augusta, ME

Present:

- Brian Tarbuck – Chair, Professional Engineer Representative, Greater Augusta Utility District
- Gregory Kidd-Educator Representative, Northeast Water and Wastewater Training Associates
- Mary Ellen Bowers – NTNC Representative, Waterworks Management LLC
- Kerry Smart – Class II Representative, Alfred Water District
- Brian McBride – Class IV Operator Representative, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Wells
- Roger Crouse – Maine DHHS Representative, Maine Drinking Water Program
- Terry Trott – Licensing Officer, Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program
- Julia Kimball- Board Clerk, Maine DHHS, Drinking Water Program
- Deanna White – Maine Attorney General’s Office
- Mike MacDonald, Vice Chair – VSWS Representative, Contract Operator, New England Utility Management Enterprises
- Jeffery Day- Class III Operator Representative, Lincoln Water District
- Jonathan Ziegra- Management Representative, Boothbay Water District

Guests:

Barb Farrell- Maine Water Utilities Association

Kirsten Hebert- Maine Rural Water Association

Tom Bahun- Maine Rural Water Association

Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM by Brian T

1. Review of Minutes

Mary moved to accept minutes with correction of who made motion to adjourn. Mike 2nd. Minutes unanimous to approve as amended.

2. Rulemaking

The Rulemaking subcommittee submitted proposed changes to current rules. Board reviewed subcommittee’s proposal and made additions to proposed changes. With the new additions Greg motioned to approve the proposed changes to rules as noted in the edited rules. Jon seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

3. ABC Pilot Exam

ABC emailed Julia inviting Maine examinees to participate in the pilot phase of the new exam that will be rolled out later this year in August. The testing phase would take place from May-July. The Board felt with the new Need to Know Criteria that would accompany these exams there was not ample time to teach examinees the new need to know materials for them to be successfully prepared for these exams.

4. Conflict of interest bylaws

The Board had previously discussed conflict of interest bylaws. Deanna drafted bylaws which the board will review at the May meeting.

5. Training Providers and Course Approval

The Board discussed if it would continue to approve training providers along with their course approval process. After some discussion it was decided that current practice would continue.

6. Meeting Space

Brian proposed holding the May 19th meeting at the Public Utility Commission Office in Hallowell. Brian and Julia will preview the room to make sure it is adequate space for meetings. Will let members know before May meeting if meeting address is changed

Adjourn – 11:30 AM

Kerry moved to adjourn

Jon Ziegra 2nd

Motion carried by vote