

ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: August 10, 2023

Time: 10:00 A.M.

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT of ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
5301 NORTHSORE DRIVE
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72118
Location: Zoom**

- I. Call Meeting to Order by the Chairman - 10:00 am
- II. Roll Call: (WWL Coordinator)
 - Lance McAvoy, City of Fort Smith, Chairman **Present**
 - Jeff Ford, Kimzey Regional Water District, Vice-Chairman - **Present**
 - Doug Ford, Pollution Management Inc. - **Present**
 - Wen Zhang, PhD, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville - **Absent**
 - Austin Ramsfield, Jacobs Engineering - **Absent**
 - Heath Ward, Springdale Water Utilities - **Present**
 - Andrew Rike, Harbor Environmental, Inc. - **Present**
 - Richard Healey, DEQ - **Present**

Also in attendance - Stacie Wassell, Sarah Pierce, and Leslie Allen-Daniel from DEQ, Ches Jackson from ARWA, Kenneth Robertson from AETA, and Casey Fyffe.
- III. Approval of the May 2, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes - Mr. Jeff Ford made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Mr. Ward seconded.
- IV. Department Reports
 - A. Financial - Pierce - Mr. Ward made the motion to accept the financials, Mr. Jeff Ford seconded.
 - B. Licensing - Pierce - Discussion on how ESA's are affecting the renewals.
- V. Public Comments
 - A. Training Updates:
 - 1) AR Environmental Training Academy - Mr. Robertson gave the AETA numbers for the quarter.
 - 2) AR Rural Water Association - Mr. Jackson gave the ARWA numbers for the quarter.
 - B. Open for Public Comment
- VI. Other Issues
 - A. Old Business:
 - 1) Proposal for Procedures. - Pierce -
 - a) Discussion on Lapse License Proposal. Motion from Mr. Ward to accept the Lapse License Proposal with the change from "current" to "last" in 1(a) of the proposal. Mr. Doug Ford seconded.

- b) Discussion on Reciprocity Proposal. Majority of the committee did not have a chance to review the proposal. Motion by Mr. Ward to table the discussion to the end of the meeting. Mr. Jeff Ford seconded.

B. New Business:

1. Recommendation for a full three-year term Andrew Rike - Healey - Mr. Jeff Ford motioned, Mr. Ward seconded.
2. Recommendation for 2nd three-year term Dr. Wen Zhang -Healey - Mr. Ward motioned, Mr. Jeff Ford seconded
3. Recommendation for 2nd three-year term Doug Ford - Healey - Mr. Ward motioned, Mr. Rike seconded.
4. Review Reciprocity applicant, Matthew Marshall, Grade A Wastewater and DISIII Water from Missouri that expires on 04/30/2024. Mr. Marshall would like to be granted a Class IV Wastewater. He does not hold a High-school diploma or GED and would like to request a waiver. He has 19+ years in wastewater. - Motion by Mr. Ward for education waiver approval, Mr. Jeff Ford seconded the education waiver. Mr. Ward motioned to reciprocity a Class III with the opportunity for Mr. Marshall to sit for a Class IV. Mr. Doug Ford seconded.
5. Review Reciprocity applicant, Casey Fyffe, who currently holds a Class II Collection Systems Operator license from Texas, who wants to be granted an Arkansas Class II Wastewater License. Previous AR WW Lic# 010857. Previous held a Class I WW License that expired on 06/30/2013. Texas Training information shows he was recently issued a Collection Systems Operator II license on 06/07/2023. He does not hold a Grade C WW License in Texas which is equal to our Class II. - Discussion concerning whether the applicant was requesting a reciprocity or had a lapse license. Mr. Ward motioned that the previous decision stands, Mr. Rike seconded. Note that the fee may be used for testing purposes.

Returned to the tabled Reciprocity Proposal. Mr. Jeff Ford motioned to postpone the reciprocity discussion to the next meeting, Mr. Ward seconded. Mr. Ward requested that we have a special meeting. Set for September 7, 2023, Mr. Rike seconded.

2023 - 2024 Quarterly Committee Meeting Dates scheduled:

November 9, 2023

February 8, 2024

May 2024 Conference (April 29 – May 1, 2024)

August 8, 2024

VII. Adjourn - Mr. Jeff Ford motioned, Mr. Ward seconded. Adjourned at 10:46 am