

**North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators  
Certification Board Meeting Minutes  
512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604**

September 21, 2021

**I. Call to order:**

A meeting of the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board was called to order at 10:15 AM on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, by Sam Call, Chairman.

**II. Attendees:**

The following members were present in person: Sam Call and Jon Pons

The following members were present via conference call: Linda Raynor, Tiffanie Hawley, Ann Wall, Orlando Coronell, Sara Long, Kim Greenwood and Sara Zambong (sitting in for Jill Weese, Counsel).

The following guests were present in person: Jason Green, Chris Smith, Steve Reid, Alan Oldham, Stephen Denning, Jennifer Gardner.

**III. Statement of Ethics:**

Sam Call read the Statement of Ethics and asked if anyone had any conflicts of interest with the day's agenda items. There were no potential conflicts mentioned.

**IV. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Sam Call called for a motion to accept the minutes. Ann Wall made a motion to accept the minutes and Jon Ponds seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**V. Opportunity for comments from attending public:**

Sam Call asked if there were any comments from the attending public. There were no comments.

**VI. Certification reinstatement requests:**

There were none.

**VII. ORC exception requests:**

Byron Cury with the City of Eden requesting to be ORC for the following system:

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| The City of Eden | 0279010 | A-Distribution | Rockingham Co. |
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Jon Pons made a motion that Byron Cury be allowed to serve as the ORC for the requested system. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jason Green with Fayetteville PWS requesting to be ORC for the following systems:

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| PWC P.O. Hoffer WTF    | 0326010 | C-Well | Cumberland Co. |
| PWC Glenville Lake WTF | 0326010 | C-Well | Cumberland Co. |

Ann Wall made a motion that Jason Green be allowed to serve as the ORC for the requested system. Jon Ponds seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lila Bleigh with Utilities Inc. requesting to be ORC for the following systems:

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|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Davidson Downes Subdivision    | 0149175 | C-Well         | Iredell Co.    |
| Davidson Pointe Subdivision    | 2049004 | C-Well         | Iredell Co.    |
| The Hampshires Subdivision     | 2049001 | C-Well         | Iredell Co.    |
| King’s Landing Subdivision     | 0149184 | C-Well         | Iredell Co.    |
| Liberty Prep Christian Academy | 2049041 | D-Well         | Iredell Co.    |
| Oak Level Baptist Academy      | 3079008 | C-Well         | Rockingham Co. |
| Universal Forest Products      | 2080006 | C-Well         | Rowan Co.      |
| Woodlawn School                | 2049007 | D-Well         | Iredell Co.    |
| Davidson Point Subdivision     | 2049004 | C-Distribution | Iredell Co.    |
| Green Acres Mobile Home Park   | 0180201 | D-Distribution | Rowan Co.      |
| The Hampshires Subdivision     | 2049001 | C-Distribution | Iredell Co.    |
| Liberty Prep Christian Academy | 2049041 | NTNC           | Iredell Co.    |
| Queens Landing/Catawba Queen   | 0149520 | C-Distribution | Iredell Co.    |

Ann Wall made a motion that Lila Bleigh be allowed to serve as ORC for the requested systems. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Carrie Stewart requesting to be ORC for the following systems:

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| Town of Robbinsville | 0138010 | B-Surface | Graham Co. |
| Town of Fontana Dam  | 0138101 | B-Surface | Graham Co. |

Orlando Coronell made a motion that Carrie Stewart be allowed to serve as ORC for the requested systems. Sara Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**VIII. Temporary Certificate Requests:**

There were none.

**IX. Out of State Requests:**

Michael R Schlesinger requested permission to take Well and Surface exams. Mr. Schleinger is currently a certified A-Surface and A-Ground water operator in the state of Florida. He brings 10.5 years of water treatment experience.

Sam Wall recommended he be approved for both A-Well and A-surface exams within one year of approval.

Jon Pons made a motion for Mr. Schlesinger to be approved to sit for A-well and A-surface exams within one year. Tiffanie Hawley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**X. Military training and experience requests:**

There were none.

**XI. Other requests:**

There were none.

**XII. Classify water treatment facilities- Section .0205:**

The following new systems were submitted for the boards review and approval:

- Camp Watia YMCA- D-well & D-Distribution.
- Fork Township Purchase- B-Distribution with supplemental treatment.
- Bright Creek Farms- C-Well & C-Distribution (<100 connections).
- Fish Hawk Ranch S/D- C-Well & C-Distribution (<100 connections).
- Laurel Hills- C-Well & C-Distribution (<100 connections).

Orlando Coronell made a motion to approve all new systems. Jon Pons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The following changed systems were submitted for the boards review and approval:

- Wilmington Clinic Water System- Changed from B-Distribution to C-Surface & C-Distribution.
- Middlesex Water Systems- Existing C-Well & B-Distribution. Addition of Cross-Connection.
- Camp Merrie-Woode System- Changed from no treat TNC to D-Well & D-Distribution (<100 connections).

Upon reevaluation by the Wilmington regional office, the Wilmington clinic water system change was retracted and omitted from the following motion. Based on their communication they have removed the need for surface/well classification and will remain a C-distribution facility.

Jon Pons called for a motion to approve all changed systems apart from Wilmington clinic water system. Tiffanie Hawley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **XIII. Board Issues:**

Compliance: None

Rules: None

Education: The following individuals/business are requesting approval to offer continuing education and or initial certification classes:

- John Goodman (current roster employee, unbenefited for The City of Greensboro) is requesting PGH approval to extend his previously approved Construction Safety-OSHA courses to the City of Greensboro Water Employees and students from outside their department. OSHA-10 HR and NC DDC4-10th Edition-4 HR.
  - It was discussed that approving Mr. Goodman would be in violation of Rule 15A NCAC 18D.0308, as he is still an employee for The City of Greensboro, albeit a rostered unbenefited employee.
  - Jon Pons made a motion to deny the request based on rule 15A NCAC 18D.0308. Ann Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- NC Safety Conference Inc. is requesting approval to offer C-well, B-well, B-Distribution, C-Distribution and Shoring initial certification classes for both in person attendance and virtual attendance.
  - Orlando Coronell made a motion to approve all classes as requested. Ann Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Exam Results: Review exam results from August 26th, 2021:

Proctors: October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, traditional exams:

- Hickory: Sam Call and Jon Pons volunteered.
- Raleigh: Orlando Coronell, Kim Greenwood and Tiffanie Hawley volunteered.

Other: None

### **XIV. Opportunity for comments from attending public:**

Sam Call opened the floor for comments from the public. There were none.

### **XV. Announcements:**

Sam Call made a statement congratulating Steve Reid on his forthcoming retirement and introducing Jennifer Gardner as the new Board Secretary considering Stephen Denning's promotion within the program.

The next meeting date was announced to be, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**XVI. Adjourning:**

Jon Pons Made a motion to close the meeting at 10:58am. Orlando Coronell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Gardner, Board Secretary

Minutes approved by: NCWTFOCB