

**MINUTES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY**  
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR CERTIFICATION OF**  
**MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS**  
**March 25, 2020**  
**Virtual TEAMS Meeting due to COVID19 pandemic - [TEAMS Meeting Link](#)**

Meeting was called by announcement dated December 10, 2020. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Ross at 9:00 a.m. Roll call of Board members:

Members Present:

Brian Ross (Attending from Genesee County)  
Louise Lieberman (Attending from Oakland County)  
Todd Sneathen (Attending from Ingham County)

Staff Present:

Alyssa Sarver (Attending from Livingston County)  
Earl Wuestnick (Attending from Genesee County)

**Nomination of Officers:**

Todd Sneathen nominated Brian Ross as Chair, seconded by Louise Liberman. Todd Sneathen nominated Myron Erickson as Vice-Chair, seconded by Louise Liberman. Brian Ross nominated staff as Secretary, seconded by Todd Sneathen. Motion passed 3-0.

**Opportunity to amend agenda:**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Consideration of Minutes for December 10, 2020:**

Motion by Todd Sneathen to accept December 10, 2020 minutes. Second by Louise Liberman. Motion passed 3-0.

**Applicant Eligibility – Advice/Appeals.**

There were no appeals to be heard regarding exam eligibility.

**Applicant Eligibility – Industrial/Commercial**

There were no applications with Industrial/Commercial experience.

**Applicant Eligibility – Approval/Denial**

Motion by Brian Ross to approve/deny all other applications received for examination based on staff recommendations. Second by Todd Sneathen. Motion passed 3-0.

**May 6, 2021 & May 7, 2021 Municipal Wastewater Exams COVID 19 Update**

The Board was updated by Alyssa Sarver on venue requirements for the exam. She also explained on April 19, 2021, the current designation for in person meeting expires. Staff is expecting new guidance, but we do not know how this new determination may affect the exams.

Staff indicated the May 6, 2021 exam will be for repeat examinees and people that could not take the November 2020 exam due to COVID19. The May 7, 2021 exam will be for all new applicants.

Staff indicated they will not be pushing people into the next exam, in November 2021, for not showing up for the May 2021 exams as we are getting back to normal mode of operation for the exams and away from COVID19 exceptions.

**Requests for Acceptance of Courses for CECs:**

Motion by Todd Sneathen to approve all courses presented for CEC values and categories as recommended by staff. Second by Louise Liberman. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion by Todd Sneathen on Management vs Other Category for GLWA Weather Class for Supervisors. After discussion, the Board agreed with staff that this class should be a Management class. Discussion of Fire Safety Classes from Macomb County Community College on need for more classes presented by Alyssa Sarver. The Board welcomed added classes to be submitted by Macomb County College for approval as they find a need for good fire extinguisher and fire safety is needed.

**Other Items**

Brian Ross brought up discussion on formula sheets for exams being allowed in Drinking Water Exams. Earl Wuestnick explained this has been discussed with management and WRD Management has decided no formula sheets will be allowed for our exams. Brian Ross concurred this was a not prevue to a board decision.

**Next Meeting**

Next Board meeting set for Thursday June 10, 2021 at 9:00am. Location TBD.

October meeting to be on October 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Location TBD.

(TBD) Discussion of ending on March 31, 2021 the approval of virtual meetings. Staff is awaiting an update form MDHSS on new determination on virtual meetings vs in person meetings. Staff will advise Board of changes in meeting requirements. All Board members indicated their preference for virtual meetings if allowed.

Motion by Todd Sneathen to adjourn meeting, second by Louise Lieberman. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Earl Wuestnick,  
Recording Secretary