

*Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment
Division of Environmental Quality
Location: Zoom*

ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: February 8, 2024

Time: 9:30 A.M.

I. Call Meeting to Order by the Chairman - 9:33 A.M.

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. - Absent

Wen Zhang, PhD, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville - Present

Austin Ramsfield, Jacobs Engineering - Present

Heath Ward, Springdale Water Utilities - Present

Andrew Rike, Harbor Environmental, Inc. - Present

Richard Healey, DEQ - Present

Also in attendance Kenneth Robertson from AETA; Ches Jackson from ARWA; Leslie Allen-Daniel, Stacie Wassell, Bailey Taylor, and Sarah Pierce from DEQ.

Randy Harper joined at 10:00.

III. Approval of the November 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion by Mr. Jeff Ford to accept the Minutes, Dr. Zhang seconded. The motion passed.

IV. Old Business: None

V. New Business:

A. Review Reciprocity applicant, Christopher Wade Quann, last committee meeting Mr. Quann requested a Class IV and granted a Class IV license. Our Reciprocity Form only allows you to choose one license. As soon as Mr. Quann was informed that he was granted for his Municipal license he asked, what his next step was for the Industrial license. If I had been aware that he wanted his Municipal and Industrial, I would have presented both at the previous meeting. Mr. Quann has requests that we allow him to reciprocate an Advanced Industrial license even though he was previously granted his Municipal. VA does not have a separate Industrial license. Attachment with VA Requirements for a Class I – Same notes from previous meeting - The Certification of Good Standing, noted that VA stated they did not reciprocity with AR. VA explanation seemed the opposite. Called and spoke with Lisa Robinson. She stated that they do not call it Reciprocity but “Equivalency”. VA will review requests and make a decision if the

operator should be granted a license. – Motion by Mr. Ward based on operators experience, Mr. Ramsfield seconded. The motion passed.

- B. Request to test for Class III for Brandon Doss. He has submitted his request via ePortal and supplied documents and transcripts to support his request. He does not hold a PE. He references Rule 3.301(D)(3)** Completion of a total of three (3) years of experience in wastewater treatment or related field; provided, that at least one (1) year shall have been in wastewater treatment plant operation;
When I spoke to him, he referenced Rule 3.303(A) A licensed Professional Engineer is entitled to examination for any class license through Class III. Other educational and/or work experience may qualify an operator for similar consideration by the Committee. – Motion to deny by Mr. Ward, Mr. Jeff Ford seconded. The motion passed.
- C. Update – Healey** – The next AWLC meeting will be held at the AWW&WEA Conference in Hot Springs, AR., on Tuesday, April 30th at 9:45-10:45. Mr. Healey transferred the executive secretary position to Sarah Pierce, wastewater licensing coordinator.
- D. Update – Wassell:**
- a. Mr. McAvoy and Ms. Wassell presented the Resolution for Mr. Healey. Motion to approve by Mr. Ward, Dr. Zhang seconded. The motion passed.
 - b. Formal request from AWEA for DEQ to assume the Collection System License. It is under consideration by DEQ.
- E. ePortal/SEEK update – Pierce**
- F. Introduce Mascot - Wassell**

VI. Department Reports

A. Financial – Pierce

- B. Licensing – Pierce** – Mr. McAvoy requested to know how many operators are retiring or left the industry during this renewal period.

VII. Public Comments

A. Training Updates:

1. **AR Environmental Training Academy** – Mr. Harper informed the Committee that AETA's has a new Chancellor. Mr. Robertson gave AETA's status update.
2. **AR Rural Water Association** – Mr. Jackson gave AWRA status update.

B. Open for Public Comment – No Comment

2024/2025 Quarterly Committee Meeting Dates scheduled:

May 2024 Conference (April 30 – in person)

August 8, 2024

November 14, 2024

February 13, 2025

VIII. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Ford, Mr. Ramsfield seconded. The motion passed. Adjourned at 10:23 A.M.

THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, OFFICE OF WATER QUALITY AND
THE WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE

Adopts the following

Resolution

Honoring

Richard Healey

Whereas, Richard Healey has served as a member of the Wastewater Licensing Committee since 2014;

Whereas, Richard Healey has retired from the Wastewater Licensing Committee on January 31, 2024;

Whereas, Richard Healey has been an invaluable member of the Wastewater Licensing Committee, serving as the Executive Secretary;

Whereas, during his tenure as the Executive Secretary, Richard Healey coordinated many continuing education events for wastewater operators;

Whereas, his expertise and leadership developed during his tenure has been invaluable to the Wastewater Licensing Committee and the Division of Environmental Quality;

Whereas, the members of the Wastewater Licensing Committee wish to thank Richard Healey for his many contributions to the Wastewater Licensing Committee;

Whereas, the Office of Water Quality wishes to thank Richard Healey for his service and many contributions to the Wastewater Licensing Committee; and

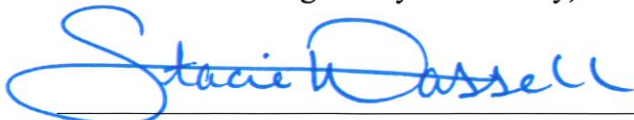
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of Water Quality and the Wastewater Licensing Committee hereby expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Richard Healey for his exemplary service as the Executive Secretary on the Wastewater Licensing Committee, for his sound advice, and for all that he has contributed to the Wastewater Licensing Program; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Water Quality and the Wastewater Licensing Committee wishes Richard Healey continued success in all his endeavors and expresses our hope for his continued health, happiness, and prosperity; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Richard Healey as a token of our respect; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be entered into the minutes of the Wastewater Licensing Committee meeting of February 8, 2024.

ADOPTED this eighth day of February, 2024



Stacie R. Wassell, Associate Director
Office of Water Quality



Lance A. McAvoy, Chairperson
Wastewater Licensing Committee