

ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: November 09, 2023

Time: 10:45 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 10:46 am

II. Roll Call: (WWL Coordinator)

Lance McAvoy, City of Fort Smith, Chairman Present

Jeff Ford, Kimzey Regional Water District, Vice-Chairman Absent

Doug Ford, Pollution Management Inc. Present

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 attended - Sarah Pierce and Leslie Allen-Daniel with DEQ, Jeremy Rowe with AETA, and Ches Jackson with ARWA.

III. Approval of the August and September 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes

August - Mr. Ward motion to accept and Mr. Rike seconded. The motion passed.

September - Mr. Ward motion to accept and Dr. Zhang seconded. The motion passed.

IV. Department Reports

A. Financial - Pierce - No comment

B. Licensing - Pierce - questions concerning ePortal. Mr. Rowe asked if there was anything that AETA or ARWA could do to assist the remaining operators that have not renewed. Questions concerning the auto email from ePortal concerning incomplete submissions.

V. Public Comments

A. Training Updates:

1) AR Environmental Training Academy - Jeremy Rowe gave AETA status update.

2) AR Rural Water Association - Ches Jackson gave AWRA status update.

B. Open for Public Comment - No public comment.

VI. Other Issues

A. Old Business:

- 1) Approved for a full three-year term Andrew Rike. Expires September 30, 2026 - Healey
- 2) Approved for 2nd three-year term Dr. Wen Zhang. Expires April 30, 2026. -Healey
- 3) Approved for 2nd three-year term Doug Ford. Expires September 30, 2026. - Healey

B. New Business:

1. Review Reciprocity applicant, Christopher Wade Quann, currently holds a VA Class I, which is equal to our Class IV. VA does ABC Testing. Looking over 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 for Class IV, Dr. Zhang seconded. The motion passed.](#)
2. Review Reciprocity applicant, David Wayne Kitchel, is requesting an Advanced Industrial. He currently holds multiple licenses in Colorado. [Motion for Advanced Industrial by Mr. Ward, Mr. Rike seconded. The motion passed.](#)
3. Review Reciprocity applicant, Kevin Aclin, is requesting a Class IV from FL. State Exam. Florida does accept AR reciprocities by review. Discussion concerning FL reciprocity [Motion for Class III by Mr. Rike, Mr. Ward seconded. The motion passed.](#)

2024 Quarterly Committee Meeting Dates scheduled:

February 8, 2024 – 9:30 am
May 2024 Conference (April 30 – in person) 9:45-10:45 (tentative)
August 8, 2024
November 14, 2024

VII. Adjourn [Motion by Mr. Ward to adjourn seconded by Mr. Ramsfield at 11:23. Adjourned](#)