

MINUTES
LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS
EXAMINING BOARD

The Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board held their meeting on January 26, 2010. George McCarthy called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance:

MEMBER	AFFILIATION
Linda Cantwell	NJDEP
George McCarthy	Spring Irrigation
Patric LiSanti	Growing Concern Inc
Robert Dobson	Middletown Sprinkler

Randy Pease, DAG, Knute Jensen, and members of the public were also in attendance.

Linda Cantwell read the Open Public Meetings Act statement for the Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board and announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the Secretary of State and designated newspapers, as well as posted in DEP.

Bob Dobson motioned that the Board enters into a closed session in order to discuss enforcement matters. Rick Lisanti seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

The Board returned to open session.

A discussion of the Board's licensing practices was held following several communications from an individual who has an issue with an irrigation contractor. It appears that the application forms may not be consistent with our 2006 regulations, so that an applicant could comply with the application, but not with the regulation. The regulations do not reflect the Board's intent and would not in line with ongoing policies where experience is concerned. The applications and exam results after November 20, 2006 will need to be re-evaluated in order to determine who and how many others may be effected before an appropriate course of action can be determined.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Treasurer's report. The Board was informed that administrative salaries were not being taken from the funds. Bob Dobson motioned to accept the report. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote

Bob Dobson motioned to approve the results from the December 2009 examination; 9 passed, 8 failed. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. It was noted that this approval is conditional pending verification of the applicant's experience. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

Bob Dobson motioned to approve the applications for the April 2010 examination, 4 approved, 2 conditionally approved pending additional information in order to verify irrigation experience, and 1 denied for lack of experience based on the current and pending legislation recently enacted. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

Bob Dobson motioned to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2009 meeting. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote. Bob Dobson motioned to approve the closed session minutes from the November 12, 2009 meeting. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

The Board was informed that the Acting Governor signed S2745 last Saturday. As a result a discussion was held on the upcoming continuing education unit (CEU) process. A policy will need to be implemented. An inquiry was made regarding how other Boards are managing this process and how specific the policy needs to be. The Board would like to utilize the National Irrigation Association's existing process in an attempt to avoid an additional burden on the Exams & Licensing Unit.

A discussion was held concerning moving forward with the application process in order to obtain EPA WaterSense recognition.

Public comments were taken.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George McCarthy". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

George McCarthy, Chairman
Landscape Irrigation Contractors Board