

MINUTES
LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS
EXAMINING BOARD

The Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board held their meeting on May 11, 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, Gene Rosenblum, DAG, and Knute Jensen 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.

Rick LiSanti motioned to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2010 meeting pending the revisions discussed regarding the subject of experience. Bob Dobson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote. Bob Dobson motioned to approve the closed session minutes from the March 16, 2010 meeting Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Treasurer's report. Rick LiSanti motioned to accept the report. Bob Dobson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote

Kate Norum (from CIT) had inquired as to whether the Board would consider eliminating the requirement that exam applications achieve a minimum of 50 % in each of the testing categories as one of the requirements for passing the exam. A discussion was held and as a result, Kate will be notified that the requirement would not be changed.

As a result of a recent enforcement assignment, it was discovered that the contract had expired. Since the original agreement allowed for up to an additional two years, staff is currently working on resolving this matter. The new contract should be in effect shortly.

The examination results from the April 2010 examination were reviewed. Bob Dobson motioned to approve the results: 1 passed 15 failed.

A discussion was held concerning the upcoming changes to the legislation. Since the upcoming legislation is not specific as to how many continuing education credits (CECs) are required or what type of CEC, the rules and regulations will require amendments in order to proceed with the CEC process.

A discussion was held concerning the need for tracking CECs in order for contractors to be eligible for WaterSense:

- Pre-approved courses with assigned CECs would be required
- Proof that they did or didn't get the training
- Auditing 20 percent of those obtaining the training
- sign in sheets or some type of code could be used as proof
- those that had the training would get a renewal invoice
- those that did not would receive some type of letter

The Board was updated regarding the ability to utilize the National Irrigation Association's database for tracking of CECs. A \$10,000 one-time setup fee would be required. In addition, a \$25 annual per person charge would be required. The contractor would have the ability to enter approved CECs directly into the IA's database.

As a result of an inquiry by the Board, Pro-metrics contacted the Exams & Licensing Unit concerning tracking CECs. This organization is currently being utilized by Consumer Affairs to track CECs for licensing. It was difficult to provide Pro-Metrics with enough information in order to determine whether or not they could provide the services required by the Board.

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.

George McCarthy asked for public comment. No public was in attendance.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,



George McCarthy, Chairman
Landscape Irrigation Contractors Board