

Minutes BLIC January 14, 2020

Minutes Taker-Dan Cao

Start Time: 11:10 AM

End Time: 12:08 PM

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS

Meeting Location: DCA Building
101 S. Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08625
1st Floor Large Conference 129 Room

Attendees:

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Gaetano Virone	Environmental Designers Irrigation
Kenneth Scherer	Hillsborough Irrigation
George M. McCarthy	Spring Irrigation
Robert Dobson	Middletown Sprinkler
Kevin Luckie	Assistant Director DCA

Legal Counsel

Craig Keiser	DAG
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DCA Staff

John Delesandro	Supervisor of Codes & Standards DCA
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John Delesandro read aloud the Open Public Meetings Act statement for the Board of Landscape Irrigation Contractors and announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the Secretary of State, and designated newspapers on January 9, 2020.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes were reviewed for November 19, 2019 meeting.

Kevin Luckie motioned to accept November 19, 2019 meeting minutes, George McCarthy seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was read by John Delesandro. He stated that under expenditures, it is an encumbrance amount and not actual expenses; it is reserved out of the fund. There have not been much done regarding penalty enforcement, so that is the same number for revenue. The bulk of revenue represents the certification renewal fees that has been received thus far for the 2020 expiration period.

George McCarthy motioned to accept Treasurer's Report, Kevin Luckie seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Communications

John Delesandro stated that there are no communications.

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Unfinished Business

John Delesandro stated that the regulation changes have been approved by the Department. It has been sent over to the Governor's Office. There is no official date for the New Jersey register.

George McCarthy asked about the Irrigation Association contract and negotiations.

John Delesandro answered that the last correspondence with the Irrigation Association was via email. He asked what the Irrigation Association wanted to do regarding the contract. The CEO of the Irrigation Association, Deborah, responded back that she was going to have someone contact John and get everything mailed out to renew for an annual contract. John will reach out to them and try to get it straightened out by the next meeting on March 24, 2020.

George McCarthy inquired about looking for an enforcement consultant. He sent John RFPs that were used in the past and stated that it would be practical to have someone to do extra research for ongoing cases.

Gaetano Virone asked if we need multiple bids for it.

Kevin Luckie answered by explain the RFP process and its limitations. He also stated that we can post it on the Department's website and gauge the interest.

Kevin Luckie and John Delesandro will review and update the RFP.

New Business

John Delesandro stated that there are 39 certifications that expired from 2019. He spoke with 3 gentlemen who expired in 2019 and they will be sending the CEC information out. There are 9 who will be going beyond the 2-year grace period at the end of the month. There are 459 active certifications as of right now and 415 active business permits. After Winter Tech, there should be more CECs coming in.

Gaetano Virone asked about the gentlemen that expired in 2019 and if there has been any research to see if they are still working.

John Delesandro responded that there has been research; a final notice will be sent out at the end of the month.

John Delesandro stated that there are about 5 to 10 cases that needs to be initiated. Also, about 10 cases are going to be moved from a notice to a penalty. He will provide a more detailed report in the March 24, 2020 meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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Kevin Luckie motioned to go into Closed session, Kenneth Scherer seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Kenneth Scherer motioned to return to Open session at 12:08, Kevin Luckie seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Kevin Luckie motioned to adjourn meeting, George McCarthy seconded. Unanimous approval to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm.