

Minutes BLIC November 19, 2019

Minutes Taker-Dan Cao

Start Time: 10:15 AM

End Time: 11:26 AM

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>
George M. McCarthy	Spring Irrigation
Kenneth Scherer	Hillsborough Irrigation
Robert Dobson	Middletown Sprinkler
Kevin Luckie	Assistant Director DCA

Legal Counsel

Domenic Giova	DAG
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DCA Staff

John Delesandro	Supervisor of Codes & Standards DCA
Dan Cao	Administrative Assistant

Absent

Gaetano Virone	Environmental Designers Irrigation
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Official Start Time: 10:15

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.

There were minutes from four previous meetings. They were reviewed at the end of the meeting.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. John Delesandro announced the ending balance for Fiscal Year 19 to be \$219,651.59 and the ending balance for Fiscal Year 20 as of November 1, 2019 is \$200,364.12.

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

Communications

There was discussion about a letter from Jason Anderson regarding a complaint. John Delesandro stated that he will respond to Jason Anderson's complaint letter.

Discussion was opened regarding promotional or informational flyers that should be sent out to supply houses to check homeowners and that the help of the police departments should be enlisted.

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There was also a reference made regarding a tree board and John Delesandro stated that he will look into the tree board.

There was a conversation regarding strengthening the fines for enforcement cases.

George McCarthy questioned who was going to check for sensors and if the form has been sent out.

John Delesandro answered that plumbers will fill it out and there is a section for the landscape irrigation contractor.

Kevin Luckie questioned if it has been issued.

John Delesandro answered that Robert Austin will send it out.

John Delesandro also offered to write a Construction Code Communicator article on license enforcement by code officials.

Unfinished Business

Gaetano Virone sent George McCarthy an email asking about the update on the new software package.

Kevin Luckie stated that there are none and that there is \$50,000 tied up, waiting on movement of the moving parts. The agency is taking lead on software and if there are any updates, he will send emails to everyone.

George McCarthy asked regarding the status of regulations.

Kevin Luckie answered that it is sitting on the Chief's desk, waiting to be reviewed. There are about six or seven rule changes pending.

Robert Dobson questioned regarding bids.

Kevin Luckie said the bid is \$40,000.

Robert Dobson questioned if it would be a useful tool other than putting the documents together and requests for proposals, would it be beneficial?

Kevin Luckie questioned if anyone has old copies of the RFP's?

Robert Dobson stated that he might possibly have them.

John Delesandro stated that if a complaint is received then we would go out and verify that work is being done.

Kenneth Scherer said that we do not have anyone to put the RFP together.

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Robert Dobson questioned if it can be looked into.

Kevin Luckie said he will look into the old RFP and we will take a look at it.

John Delesandro brought up the fact that the agency has the ability to look up license plates now.

New Business

Regarding the exam results, John Delesandro stated that there were 12 people who took the exam. Two people passed the exam.

DAG noticed that two people just missed the passing score.

George McCarthy motioned to accept the exam results, Kevin Luckie seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

John Delesandro made the Irrigation Association aware of the regulation change. He only received the exam packets and no communication.

Robert Dobson reached out to the Executive Director regarding new rules and regulations.

John Delesandro stated that the contract ends at the end of the year.

Robert Dobson ran a report from his CEC database on January 21, 2019 for the number of contractors that submitted sufficient CEC's. For the Fiscal Year 2019, 289 submitted sufficient CEC's for renewals and 42 have not. For the Fiscal Year 2020, 38 have submitted sufficient CEC's for renewal and 116 have not.

Robert Dobson questioned water conservation CEC's and has not looked at backflow as those being eligible for water conservation. He questioned, if backflow is eligible for water conservation qualified?

George McCarthy stated that he saw the courses and it is not the same.

Robert Dobson brought up the annual educational sessions in Atlantic City.

Kenneth Scherer questioned, does backflow education class count toward any CEC's?

Robert Dobson answered, yes, they have a different way of calculating the CEC's. He added that the Irrigation Association Board tried a different direction.

George McCarthy picked up that Jason Anderson could be confused regarding backflow preventer and irrigation, if so, then he needs to go to the municipality's plumbing inspector.

John Delesandro has sent out two or three additional violations but have not taken NOV's to penalty. He will hopefully get the orders out the in next week to get better information to share at the next meeting.

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George McCarthy questioned if complaints have been coming in.

John Delesandro answered that they have been trickling in.

John Delesandro provided the proposed dates for the 2020 schedule.

George McCarthy motioned to approve the 2020 schedule, Kevin Luckie seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Robert Dobson motioned to go into Closed session, Kevin Luckie seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Kevin Luckie motioned to return to Open session at 11:17, George McCarthy seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Going back to the 2020 schedule, Kevin Luckie asked if it is okay for the start time to be moved to 11:00 am instead of 10:00 am because of a schedule conflict with an executive meeting.

George McCarthy motioned to move the start time of the board meetings from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, Kevin Luckie seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

DAG stated that there is a New Jersey Board of Tree Experts in regard to communications.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes were reviewed for March 22, 2019 meeting.

George McCarthy motioned to accept March 22, 2019 meeting minutes, Robert Dobson seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Minutes were reviewed for June 18, 2019 meeting.

George McCarthy motioned to accept June 18, 2019 meeting minutes, Robert Dobson seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Minutes were reviewed for July 16, 2019 meeting.

Robert Dobson motioned to accept July 16, 2019 meeting minutes, Kevin Luckie seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Minutes were reviewed for September 17, 2019 meeting.

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George McCarthy motioned to accept September 17, 2019 meeting minutes, Robert Dobson seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Kevin Luckie motioned to adjourn meeting, Robert Dobson seconded. Unanimous approval to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.