

**Georgia Department of Community Health
Division of Public Health
Environmental Health Section
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**MINUTES
OF
THE ON-SITE SEWAGE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

July 15, 2009

Members Present:

Walter Howard, District Environmental Health Director, Clayton District 3-3
Virgil Fancher, Environmental Health State Office Program Consultant, Secretary
Mark Woody, County Environmentalist, Columbia County
Leslie Freymann, Environmental Health Branch, Vice Chairman
Tim Walls, Walls Septic, Chairman

Members Absent:

Lisa Flagg, Legal Counsel
Chris Batchelor

Guest(s):

Chris Kumnick, Land Use Program Director

Chairman Tim Walls called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Leslie Freymann made a motion to accept the April 1, 2009 CRC meeting minutes. Walter Howard offered a second. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Initial/additional Certification Requirement Guidelines – Virgil previously distributed guidelines revised by Leslie Freymann following the April, 2009 committee meeting. After reviewing and discussing the document, the committee decided to change the wording in the document from “may” to “must”, and place “Department” in front of “approved pre-certification course”. Leslie Freymann made a motion that the committee approves the document with the recommended changes. Virgil Fancher offered a second. Motion passed. Virgil Fancher will send the final revised document to the Department.

Onsite Sewage Manual Certification Requirement Change – With the addition of new members on the committee, Virgil Fancher reiterated the Department’s intent to eliminate a conflict in the N Section of the Department’s Manual for On-Site Sewage Management Systems that references Chapter 290-5-26-.11. The requirements for Level I certification requires a pump truck inspection and permit. However, prior to inspecting and permitting a pump truck, counties require a Level I certification. Virgil Fancher stated that it was the Department’s intent for only require proof of inspection and permitting at the time

of renewal, and not the initial certification. The committee discussed the issue and recommended eliminating the “Chapter 290-5-26-.11” reference under the heading titled “Requirements for Level I Certification”. Virgil Fancher offered a motion to approve removing the reference to Chapter 290-5-26-.11 from the section. Leslie Freymann offered a second. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Septage Removal and Disposal Exam Update – Chris Kumnick informed the committee of the Department’s intent to update the exam. He stated that septic tank pumpers are performing tasks, such as replacing damaged or missing T’s, of which they have limited knowledge. As a result, the Department plans to revise exam by including information pertaining to these and other tasks routinely performed by pumpers. Virgil Fancher will provide a list of the additional questions and distribute them to the committee prior to the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Continuing Education – Chris Kumnick informed the committee that he will be travelling around the state to train county environmentalists prior to their July, 2010 certification deadline. He plans to contact the district environmental health directors for training content input. This training will meet the continuing education credit requirements for county environmentalists.

Committee Member Replacement- Virgil Fancher informed the committee that he received Tom Campbell’s letter of resignation. Mr. Campbell retired and Walter Howard was chosen to fill his position on the committee. Also, he expects the vacant position left by Chris Batchelor to be filled prior to the October meeting.

With no other business pending, Tim Walls made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Virgil Fancher offered a second.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes were recorded, transcribed and submitted by

Virgil Fancher, MPH
Secretary - Certification Review Board