

**MINUTES
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY BOARD
ATHENS GA**

Present were Stakeholder Advisory Board members Mark Bryd, Alice Champagne, Jim Hamilton, JoAnn Macrina, James Magnus and Robert Ringer. Also present from the Soil and Water Conservation Commission were Brent Dykes, Lauren Zdunczyk, Jason Ulseth and Cory Rayburn. Interested parties in attendance included, John and Karen Preble from SBTA Inc.

Mr. Hamilton opened up the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for taking the time to attend the Trainer Discussion.

Agenda Items

1. Review and approve minutes of prior meeting(s)

There were no minutes to approve due to lack of quorum. Mr. Hamilton just gave a brief synopsis of what was discussed.

Ms. Zdunczyk gave a certification update. SAB members briefly discussed the Trainer Discussion.

2. SAB Process for Advisement to GSWCC on changes to training and the Certification Program.

It was decided that Ms. Zdunczyk would compile a list of comments and give send them to SAB members to review and discuss. The SAB would then give the GSWCC their recommendations on the revisions and GSWCC would implement the revisions.

It was discussed that the revisions would be contracted out. Mr. Magnus asked if it would be difficult to contract with a qualified firm because of the specifics of the material. Mr. Dykes responded that as part of the bid, there would be certain qualification requirements.

Overall opinion was that all courses need to have more pictures. Both Mr. Ulseth and Mr. Ringer agreed that revisions should be made first and pictures added.

3. Introduce EPD's guideline document. Note that it will be discussed in detail at the meeting October 25th.

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The SAB discussed the document and gave their suggestions to Mr. Ringer and he stated he would make changes and send the revised guideline document to GSWCC for review. Once reviewed -GSWCC would send out document for SAB vote.

Mr. Dykes expressed concern about the need for EPD to issue a guidance document addressing the enforcement the certification program. Mr. Dykes stated that EPDs plan for enforcement is extremely important to the success of the certification program.

Mr. Hamilton stated he would contact Larry Hedges and Jim Summerville of EPD to get the ball rolling on an enforcement guidance document.

4. Letter to Governor regarding increase use of fees for program.

Mr. Hamilton presented a draft of the letter to Governor Perdue, requesting the use of NPDES fees go to support the 1) Education and Certification Program and 2) Enforcement.

Mr. Hamilton asked the SAB members to review the letter and email comments to him within the week.

5. Other SAB Business

Mr. and Mrs. Preble of SBTA, Inc gave a brief presentation about their company's ability to assist in online certification, recertification training. Mr. Preble gave each SAB member an information packet for them to review.

6. Schedule next meeting

October 25th Council for Quality Growth at 1pm.