

Board of Tree Experts Minutes

December 20, 2022

The Board of Tree Experts met on this date at the NJBTE Office, 101 W Veterans Hwy, Jackson, NJ 08527

Those present were:

Steve Chisholm, Sr., President
G. Lovallo
B. Emens
J. Greipp
T. Wyckoff (Zoom)
K. Downes (Zoom)
P. Zipse (Zoom)
M. Goggin (Phone)

Bruce Velzy DAG

Public in Attendance

Ray Slaman

Staff

P. Aufiero, Recording Secretary
A. Dietz, Administrative Assistant

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Meeting called to order at 9:45 am

- I. **Open Public Meeting Act:** Read by P. Aufiero signed by S. Chisholm and G. Lovallo.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda, with changes, by J. Greipp, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed.
Roll Call.
- III. **Minutes** Motion to approve minutes of November 15, 2022 by J Greipp, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed. Abstaining: P. Zipse, K. Downes, M. Goggin.
- IV. **Administrative Report and Correspondence**
 - A. **Vendor Update:**

Optimum for phone and Wifi is the only still being paid from the Wells Fargo. *T. Wyckoff will handle payment.*

Google account will not accept gmail address for account, we must have a company or gov't email address.

MVC for license plate lookup, will only accept check or credit card.

Minuteman Press for all our printing is NJSTART vendor

B. S&A Technologies gave update on Database & Website.

C. **By the Numbers:** see attached

Retired and expired Licensees will be removed from active and placed in archives when it becomes available.

Get Red Stickers or Stamp for certified mail envelopes stating immediate response required.

V. **Financial Report:** Simplified Accounting is needed. Draft of audit is complete but has not been made available to the Board.

VI. **Compliance Inspector Report:** See attached

Schedule compliance inspectors for ride-along and map out areas where there is low number of registrations.

Contact DPW & Code Enforcement and Police to let them know you will be in the area looking for tree companies. Cumberland, Salem, Cape May, Hunterdon, Warren Sussex, Somerset, Union, Hudson are all areas that are weak as far as compliance.

VII. **Public Comment:** None at this time.

VIII. **Old Business**

A. **Program Manager Position:** Ziprecruiter results for Program Manager position was disappointing. T. Wyckoff suggests getting the work out at the state offices. Interviews will be scheduled in January after the Board meeting 1/17/23.

B. Solid Waste MOA is at top of list for b. Velzy.

C. 2023 Meeting schedule: Motion to approve meeting schedule for 2023, on the third Tuesday of each month, 9:30am-12noon at the Board office in Jackson with the exception of 3 meetings to be held at Modern Group in Edison from 2pm-6pm, April, June and September, 2023, by G. Lovallo, seconded by M. Goggin. Motion passed.

IX. **New Business**

A. Motion to approve 7 business registrations by G. Lovallo, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed.

F&D Family Tree Service	LTCO	Rio Grande NJ
Rocco's Tree Removal	LTCO	Bayville NJ
Green Dots Landscape LLC	LTCO	Hillsdale NJ
Pacheco's Landscaping LLC	LTCO	Flemington NJ
Cholula Tree Service LLC	LTCO	Freehold NJ
Murphy's Tree Servie LLC	LTCO	Blairstown NJ
Precision Tree *	LTCO	Keyport, NJ

B. **Motion to certify the Exam** grades Licensed Tree Expert Applicants for Class of December 2022 who have attained passing grades and will have their

names read into the December 20, 2022 minutes by G. Lovallo, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passed.

Cody Yoos

LTE

Egg Harbor Twp NJ

- C. Motion to certify the Exam grades Licensed Tree Care Operator Applicants for Class of December 2022 who have attained passing grades and will have their names read into the December 20, 2022 minutes by J. Greipp, seconded by G. Lovallo. Motion passed.

Jenny Moro

Freehold NJ

Juan Pacheco

Flemington NJ

Pedro Martinez

Hillside NJ

Adrian Bolanos

Stirling NJ

Domingo Cruz Nieto

North Brunswick NJ

Derek Miller

Princeton NJ

Timothy Miller

Phillipsburg NJ

Gonzalo Castro

East Brunswick NJ

Adalberto Lobo

Flemington NJ

Jesus Peralta Radilla

Hamilton NJ

Rudolfo Dominguez

Dover NJ

Abdul Khan

Somerset NJ

Steven James*

Keyport NJ

Adam Murphy

Blairstown NJ

- D. Motion to approve LTCO Reciprocity, conditionally upon receipt of signed letters of recommendation, by J. Greipp, seconded by P. Zipse. Motion passed.

LTCO Reciprocity

Jeremy Kocaj

Rockaway NJ

Enzo Paludi

Barto PA

Maycon Flores

Spring Valley NY

Motion was made by J. Greipp to go into closed session, seconded B. Emens. Motion passed 11:12am.

Back to Regular session 12:48pm.

X. Other:

Based on information that was revealed in closed session a motion was made by J. Greipp and seconded by B. Emens, to rescind the approval of LTCO for Steven James. Motion passed.

B. Velzy advised that the Board has the right to rescind prior approvals.

XI. Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn by G. Lovallo, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed, 12:58pm.