

**Unapproved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
April 18, 2017
Matthew Training Center-Pierre**

Members Present: Dan Fink, Chris Schmit, Dave VanCleave, Bill Sarringar, Ryan Allen, Robin Bobzien

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board and Joe Hindman, Ed Elwood, and Bev Lewis-Nisland

Call to Order by Chairperson Sarringar at 1:53 pm.

Introduction of New Board Members: As this was Bobzien's and Allen's first meeting, they introduced themselves to the Board.

Approval of Agenda: Kittay wanted to add a contract review for Oldham and Spearfish KOA, cancel a contract review for Oak Mountain, and add an exam application review. As Nisland was present at the meeting, the Board wanted to move them up in the agenda. Schmit moved to approve the amended agenda. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes had been emailed previously to the Board members and had been available on the internet. Fink moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: There was none forthcoming.

Final Hearings: The hearing/enforcement process was reviewed for the new board members.

Nisland-Nisland requires a SWT I and WD I. The city had hired an operator from Newell; however, it turns out that he was only taking samples. Kittay notified the City that someone who only samples does not function as a certified operator who must be in direct responsible charge for all operations and maintenance. Joe Hindman just passed the Small Water Treatment System exam. Ed Elwood explained what had happened at Nisland and the actions that the present city officials were taking. Fink moved to continue this hearing at the next board meeting. Schmit seconded. There was a question on when a certificate is actually issued. Kittay explained that if an examinee did not have the one year of experience required to be certified and passed a Class I exam that DENR held the certificate until the one year mark. Motion passed.

Reciprocity: Jeffrey Crockett-He holds a Colorado Class "A" Water Treatment certificate. He now works for Rapid City. This certificate in CO requires a high school graduation plus four years of experience. This compares to SD Class II Water Treatment certificate. Schmit moved to grant a WT II. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Dan Merrill-He holds a New Mexico Class 3 Water Supply certificate. This certificate in NM requires a high school graduation plus four years of experience. This compares to SD Class II Water Treatment certificate. Schmit moved to grant a WT II. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

Final Hearings: Hoven-The Town requires a WD I as it is served by Mid-Dakota RWS. No exams have been attempted by anyone from Hoven. Fink moved that DENR pursue enforcement on this case. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Preliminary Hearings: Java-The Town requires a WD I as it is served by WEB RWS. Jerrad Quenomoen has attempted one exam-January 12, 2017 WD I 50%. Van Cleave moved to hold a final hearing at the next board meeting. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

New Effington-The Town needs a WD I as it is served by BDM RWS. Jake Magnuson has attempted one exam on August 11, 2016-WD I 53%.

Pringle-The Town is a non-community system that has installed chlorination as it was having microbiological issues. It needs a SWT I. No exams have been attempted.

Selby-The City needs a WT I, WD I, WW I, and WWC I. Xavier Perman attempted two exams on June 28, 2016-WW I-42% and WWC I-50%.

Tolstoy-The Town needs a WD I as it is served by Mid-Dakota RWS. No exams have been attempted.

Van Cleave moved that New Effington, Pringle, Selby, and Tolstoy have a final hearing at the next board meeting. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

It should be noted that Hoven and Tolstoy are 11 miles apart. It is then 20 miles up to Java which is seven miles from Selby.

Contract Approvals: The Board was supplied copies of all contracts prior to the meeting. A number of water systems needed new certified operators as Jay Chittim was unavailable to operate systems as of September 30, 2016.

Flying J and Rushmore Ranch/Ed Striebel-Schmit moved to approve these two contracts. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Meadow Crest Homes and Spearfish KOA/Pat Hasson-Kittay noted that Meadow Crest is a new community PWS and has a radiological MCL problem. Fink moved to approve the contracts. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

Cedar Gulch II and Cavalry Trails/Al Sage-Bobzien moved to approve the contracts. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Black Hills Children's Center and Dry Creek Estates/Bob Powles-Schmit moved to approve the contracts. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Spearfish Valley Estates/BH Certified Operators-This is a group new to contracting to run water systems. It is comprised of some operators out of Spearfish. Schmit moved to approve the contract. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Oldham/Kingbrook RWS-Kingbrook is going to operate the Oldham system for a while with intent of then making all the Oldham service connections to eventually be individual connections to the rural water system. Van Cleave moved to approve the contract. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Review of Application: Ben Roberts from Aberdeen submitted an exam application to take the WT I. Kittay felt the application was closer to a total maintenance worker with minimal job duties focused on water treatment. He wanted the Board to determine the eligibility for the operator. Kittay gave background on previous discussions the Board had on maintenance personnel. Bobzien provided some info from the Aberdeen Water Superintendent. The application as presented had minimal operational time as well as many duties not associated with water treatment. Schmit moved to deny the application. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed with Bobzien abstaining.

Status of Certification: The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators. Kittay updated the Board.

Schmit moved to schedule preliminary hearings at the next Board meeting for the following systems-

Name of System	Lacking Certifications	Comments
Bestgen Water	SWT I/ WD I	Lacking contact hours
Black Hawk Water	WD II	Lacking contact hours
Camp Rimrock	SWT I	Lacking contact hours
Canova	SWT I/ WD I	
Chancellor	WD I	
Fort Meade	WWC I	Lacking contact hours
Glendale Colony	SWT I	
Hutterville Colony	WD I	
Kemp's Camps	SWT I	Lacking contact hours
Northern Lights	WD I	Lacking contact hours
Pine Lake Hills	WD I	Waiting for renewal payment
Provo Township Water	SWT I/WD I	Lacking contact hours
Ree Heights	WD I	Lacking contact hours
Rosholt	SWT I	
Rushmore Tramway	SWT I	Lacking contact hours
Spencer	WD I	
Wagner	WD II/WW I/WWC II	
Wallace	WD I	Lacking contact hours

Fink seconded. Motion passed.

The Board then examined and discussed some more systems. Van Cleave moved to schedule preliminary hearings at the next Board meeting for the following systems-

Name of System	Lacking Certifications	Comments
Cedar Gulch I	WD I	
Centerville	WW I/WWC I	
DOT-Spearfish Reststop	SWT I	

Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business-John Hatch from Rapid City sent the Board a letter indicating that he did not think that retired operators should lose their certificates. ARSD 74:21:02:55 states that an operator that leaves the water/wastewater field can renew twice. On the third renewal if they are still out of the field, they can no longer renew their certificates. There was no action taken as the regulations clearly indicate how this situation must be handled.

Kittay reviewed the exam process for the Board. The Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) is coming out with a new set of exams this summer along with a new "Need to Know" (NTK). Kittay will be determining a date to start using the new exams and will be giving notice to operators about the new NTK which should not be very different from the current NTK. It will be more specific as there will be a separate NTK for each of the 16 main exams. He will also coordinate with SDARWS as they do the training.

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be in conjunction with the SDWWA Conference at the Huron Crossroads on September 12, 2017 2:00 pm.

Fink moved for adjournment. Schmit seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.



April 21, 2017

Rob Kittay

Date