

**Approved Minutes  
Operator Certification Board Meeting  
April 19, 2022  
Pierre-Matthew Center**

**Members Present:** Chris Schmit, Dave Van Cleave, Robin Bobzien, Craig Wagner, Bill Sarringar, Ryan Allen

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board, Tammie Hill-DANR, Bill Thorson-SDARWS

Call to Order by Chairperson Sarringar at 2:00 pm.

Kittay reminded the Board that the proceedings were being broadcast.

**Approval of Agenda:** An agenda had been sent previously and copies were also available at the meeting. Allen moved to approve the agenda. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

**Secretary to the Board:** As Kittay will be retiring on April 21, 2022, DANR has appointed Tammie Hill to take his place. She was introduced to the Board.

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

**Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

**Reciprocity:** Jerome Copeland-He has a WW Treatment Grade III certificate from California. This certificate requires four years of work experience with high school graduation. Schmit moved to grant Class II WW certificate from SD. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Marc Mathews-He has a Grade T4 Water Treatment certificate from California. This certificate requires high school graduation and four years of water treatment work experience. Schmit moved to grant Class II WT certificate from SD. Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

Charles Slagter-He has a Grade IV Wastewater Treatment certificate from California. This certificate requires high school graduation and six years of water treatment work experience. Bobzien moved to grant Class III WW certificate from SD. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Brent Pickrell-He has Class A Water Treatment and a Class 4 Water Distribution certificates from Colorado. Both certificates require a high school graduation and four years of work experience. Schmit moved to grant Class II WT and Class II WD certificates from SD. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

Wade Peterson-He holds an Advanced Wastewater Operator certificate and a Grade I Municipal Waterworks certificate from Wisconsin. There are no education requirements in WI for any wastewater certificate. The water certificate requires a high school graduation and one year of

work experience. All SD certificates require a high school graduation. Van Cleave moved to grant a Class I WT certificate from SD and no wastewater certificate. Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

Stephen Nelson-He holds a Class D/IV Wastewater Treatment certificate from Indiana. This certificate requires bachelor's degree and five years of experience. Allen moved to grant a Class IV WW certificate from SD. Wagner seconded. Motion passed. He is involved with a company contracting with AgroPur.

**Final Hearings:** There were no final hearings scheduled.

**Preliminary Hearings:** Beaver Lake Campground-This water system requires a Small Water Treatment System certificate. Julian Starr got very sick during the fall and could not take an exam. He and another have registered for the May exam session in RC.

Fairburn Water-This system requires a Class I Water Distribution certificate. No exams have been attempted.

Whispering Willows-This system is under new ownership and requires a Class I Water Distribution certificate. No exams have been attempted.

Wessington-This system requires a Class I Water Distribution certificate. Jim Hanks has failed the exam three times-8/5/21-43%, 10/5/21-52%, and 2/3/22-54%.

High Country-East/West-These systems require a Small Water Treatment System certificate. Craig Pitt submitted an email stating they had a certified operator that would be taking samples. He will be taking the exam again. He failed the exam on March 2, 2022 with a 64%.

Schmit moved to hold a final hearing at the next board meeting for these five systems. Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

**Contract Approvals:** Kittay reviewed each contract for the Board.

Wild Turkey I/II, Shirttail Gulch, and 76 Ranch Estates/Dakota Pump-Wagner moved for approval of the four contracts. Schmit seconded. Motion Passed.

Tulare/Mid-Dakota RWS-Van Cleave moved to approve the contract. Schmit seconded. Motion passed with Sarringar abstaining.

Two Bit Ranch, Ken's TC, and Centennial Hills/Pat Hasson-Wagner moved to approve the three contracts. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

Lakeside Estates/Water District Management-Allen moved to approve the contract. Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

**Status of Certification:** The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators. Kittay updated the Board. Hill updated the Board on Dupree and on the enforcement system.

Schmit moved that the following systems have a preliminary hearing at the next board meeting-

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| Big Pine Campground   | SWT I                |
| Castlewood  | WT I/WD I/WW I/WWC I |
| Cottonwood Grove  | WD I                 |
| DOT Reststops at-<br>Vermillion, Salem, Valley<br>Springs, White Lake | WW I                 |
| Midland   | WD I                 |
| Riverside Colony  | WD I                 |
| Rosholt   | WD I                 |
| Spokane Creek   | SWT I                |
| Triple T/Rocky Ridge  | WD I                 |
| Utica   | WD I                 |
| Valley View-SF  | SWT I/WD I           |

Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

**Board Terms Expiring:** Schmit and Bobzien will have their term on Board expire in June 2022. They both said they would serve another term.

**Public Comment Period:** This is now a requirement of public meetings as of legislative action. Thorson spoke about classes.

**Other Business-**There was none.

**Next Meeting-**September 13, 2022 at the SF Ramkota at 2:00 pm. This is prior to the SDWWA Conference.

Schmit moved for adjournment. Allen seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

*Rob Kittay*

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