

Approved Minutes
South Dakota Operator Certification Board Meeting
April 15, 2025
Matthew's Training Center - Pierre, SD

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tammie Hill - Secretary to the Board and Robert Sachen

Call to Order Bill Sarringar (Chairman) at 2:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda: An agenda had been sent previously, and copies were also available at the meeting. Schmit moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bobzien. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September 10, 2024, Board meeting minutes had been emailed previously to the Board members and available on the internet. Allen moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Schmit. Motion passed.

Old Business: Hill provided the Board with the status of implementing a Computer Based Testing option for the Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program. DANR has partnered with Water Professionals International (ABC) and PSI to offer a new testing modality to South Dakota's water and wastewater operators, in addition to in-person testing at regularly scheduled exam sessions.

Contract Approvals: Hill reviewed each contract for the Board.

Larsson's Crooked Creek - Schmit moved to approve the contract between Larsson's Crooked Creek and Dakota Pump. Seconded by Wagner. Motion passed.

Rochford Ridge - Schmit moved to approve the contract between Rochford Ridge and Dakota Pump. Seconded by Wagner. Motion passed.

Spring Canyon Water System - Schmit moved to approve the contract between Spring Canyon Water System and Sage Waterworks, LLC. Seconded by Wagner. Motion passed.

Valley View Water System - Schmit moved to approve the contract between Valley View Water System and Sage Waterworks, LLC. Seconded by Wagner. Motion passed.

Sunnyside Mobile Home Park - Schmit moved to approve the contract between Sunnyside Mobile Home Park and Sage Waterworks, LLC. Seconded by Wagner. Motion passed.

Tomahawk Country Club - Schmit moved to approve the contract between Tomahawk Country Club and Dakota Pump. Seconded by Wagner. Motion passed.

Wild Bill's Campground - Schmit moved to approve the contract between Wild Bill's Campground and Clearwater Consulting. Seconded by Wagner. Motion passed.

Preliminary Hearings:

Rock Ridge Court - Is required to have a Class I Water Distribution operator. The water system has not submitted a contract with a certified operator, nor has a representative of the water system attempted to take an exam. Schmit moved to hold a final hearing at the next board meeting. Seconded by Allen. Motion passed.

Vale Sanitary District - Is required to have a Class I Water Distribution operator. The water system has not submitted a contract with a certified operator, nor has a representative of the water system attempted to take an exam. Bobzien moved to hold a final hearing at the next board meeting. Seconded by Van Cleave. Motion passed.

Final Hearings: None

Reciprocity: None

Status of Certification: The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators and those that are working toward complying with SD's Operator Certification Laws.

The next systems for enforcement are Aurora, Bristol, Chamberlain, Corsica, Henry, Hosmer, Morristown, and Webster. Schmit moved to hold preliminary hearings for these systems at the next board meeting if these systems have not complied with South Dakota's Operator Certification Laws. Seconded by Allen. Motion passed.

Public Comment Period: This is now a requirement of public meetings as of legislative action pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. No public comments were received during the board meeting.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2025, at the Matthew's Training Center in Pierre SD.

Schmit moved for adjournment. Seconded by Allen. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Tammie Hill

06/10/2025

Tammie Hill

Date