

Approved Minutes
South Dakota Operator Certification Board Meeting
April 16, 2024
Matthew's Training Center - Pierre, SD

Members Present: Chris Schmit, Dave Van Cleave, Ryan Allen, Robin Bobzien, Craig Wagner (remote)

Members Absent: Bill Sarringar

Others Present: Tammie Hill - Secretary to the Board

Call to Order Chris Schmidt at 2:00 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September 12, 2023, Board meeting minutes had been emailed previously to the Board members and available on the internet. Van Cleave moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

Contract Approvals: Hill reviewed each contract for the Board.

Rockerville Gold Town PUD - Allen moved to approve the contract between Rockerville Gold Town PUD and Sage Waterworks, LLC. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

Ray Smith HOA - Allen moved to approve the contract between Ray Smith HOA and Clearwater Consulting and Water, LLC. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Copper Oaks I HOA - Van Cleave moved to approve the contract between Copper Oaks I HOA and Oaks Water Users Association. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Preliminary Hearings: No preliminary hearings.

Final Hearings:

De Smet - Needs a Class I Water Treatment, Class I Water Distribution, Class I Wastewater Treatment or Stabilization Pond, and Class I Wastewater Collection certificates. De Smet has obtained all certificates, except for a Class I Wastewater Treatment or Stabilization Pond Certificate. Bobzien moved for DANR to pursue enforcement. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Reciprocity:

Reed Andreis - Holds a Minnesota Class A Water Treatment certificate. Minnesota's Class A Water Treatment certificate requires high school graduation and 8 years of experience. Minnesota's Class A Water Treatment certificate is comparable to South Dakota's Class IV Water Treatment certificate. Van Cleave moved to grant a Class IV Water Treatment Certificate. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Johnnie Baptista - Holds a California Grade T3 Water Treatment certificate and a California Grade 5 Water Distribution certificate. California's Grade T3 Water Treatment certificate requires high school graduation and 2 years of experience. California's Grade T3 certificate is comparable to

South Dakota's Class II Water Treatment certificate. California's Grade D5 Water Distribution certificate requires high school graduation and 5 years of experience. California's Grade D5 Water Distribution certificate is comparable to South Dakota's Class II Water Distribution certificate. Van Cleave moved to grant a Class II Water Treatment and Class II Water Distribution certificates. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Travis Crittenden - Holds a Colorado Class II Wastewater Collection certificate and Colorado Class II Water Distribution certificates. Colorado's Class II Wastewater Collection and Class II Water Distribution certificate requires high school graduation and 2 years of experience. Colorado's Class II Wastewater Collection and Class II Water Distribution certificates are comparable to South Dakota's Class II Wastewater Collection and Class II Water Distribution certificate. Van Cleave moved to grant a Class II Wastewater Collection and Class II Water Distribution certificate. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Christopher De Harty - Holds an Iowa Grade II Water Distribution certificate. Iowa's Grade II Water Distribution certificate requires high school graduation and 3 years of experience. Iowa's Grade II Water Distribution certificate is comparable to South Dakota's Class II Water Distribution certificate. Van Cleave moved to grant a Class II Water Distribution certificate. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Joella Reavis - Holds a Wyoming Level III Wastewater Treatment certificate. Wyoming's Level III Wastewater Treatment certificate requires high school graduation and 3 years of experience. Wyoming's Level III Wastewater Treatment certificate is comparable to South Dakota's Class II Wastewater Treatment certificate. Van Cleave moved to grant a Class II Wastewater Treatment certificate. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Robert Dari - Holds an Idaho Class IV Wastewater Treatment certificate. Idaho's Class IV Wastewater Treatment certificate requires high school graduation and 8 years of experience. Idaho's Class IV Wastewater Treatment certificate is comparable to South Dakota's Class IV Wastewater Treatment certificate. Van Cleave moved to grant a Class IV Wastewater Treatment certificate. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

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 Bull Dog Creek, Conde, Gary, Hecla, Herreid, Maxwell Colony, Northdale Sanitary District, Summit, Sunnyside MHP, Valley View Water System, White, and Valley Queen Cheese. Van Cleave 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. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment Period: This is now a requirement of public meetings as of legislative action.

Other Business: Hill informed the Board that DANR's Water and Wastewater Operator Certification program is seeking a proposal and specifics from Water Professionals International - ABC to provide computer based water and wastewater certification testing at an approved regional PSI testing center. The Board members requested Hill provide an update at the next scheduled board meeting.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2024 @ 2:00 pm at The Lodge at Deadwood, Deadwood, SD.

Schmit moved for adjournment. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Tammie Hill

06/10/2024

Tammie Hill

Date