

**Unapproved Minutes  
Operator Certification Board Meeting  
April 20, 2021  
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,

Call to Order by Chairperson Sarringar at 1:03 pm.

Kittay reminded the Board that the live feed was on and that mileage forms were available.

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

**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. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

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

**Reciprocity:** Danielle Butler-She has a WW Treatment Class IV from Mississippi. This certificate requires six years of experience and high school graduation. Bobzien moved to grant a Class III WW certificate from SD. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Lloyd Green-He has a WW Treatment Grade III from California. This certificate requires four years of experience and high school graduation. Schmit moved to grant a Class II WW certificate from SD. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tieszen-He has a Water Treatment Level 2 and a Water Distribution Level 2 from Wyoming. These certificates require one year of experience and high school graduation. Bobzien moved to grant Class I Water Treatment and Class I Water Distribution certificates from SD. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Allen and Wagner entered the meeting.

Jonathan Jarboe-He has a Water Treatment Level 4 and a Water Distribution Level 2 from Wyoming. The WD certificate require one year of experience and high school graduation. The WT 4 certificate require three years of experience and high school graduation. Schmit moved to grant Class II Water Treatment and Class I Water Distribution certificates from SD. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Glenn Rodeghier-He has a Water Treatment Grade T4 from California. This certificate requires four years of experience and high school graduation. Bobzien moved to grant a Class II Water Treatment certificate from SD. Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

Kittay also received a reciprocity request for a certificate that was received via reciprocity. Only certificates earned by passing an exam can be submitted for reciprocity.

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

**Preliminary Hearings:** There were no preliminary hearings scheduled.

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

Bridle Ridge/Sage Water Works-Schmit moved to approve this contract. Allen seconded. Motion Passed.

Pillar Peak/Dakota Pump-Schmit moved to approve this contract. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

**Status of Certification:** The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators. Kittay updated the Board. Van Cleave moved that the following systems have a preliminary hearing at the next board meeting-

<b>System</b>	<b>Lacking Certifications</b>
Aurora	WW I
Beaver Lake Campground	SWT I
Centerville	WWC I
Happy Holiday Trailer Court	WD I
High Country-HC West	SWT I
High Country-RES East	SWT I
Spearfish Canyon Lodge	SWT I
Sugar Shack	SWT I

Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

**Consulting Engineers Earning Operating Experience-**At the last meeting, Housiaux and Dennis of Stockwell Engineers asked the Board to consider engineers that work on construction projects to be eligible for operator certification exams. Their construction inspection time would be considered as “experience” in trying to qualify for an exam. The Board wanted to get more input on this subject. Kittay received responses from WY, NE, and ND. After much discussion, Schmit moved the Board will not accept construction observation as experience to meet the requirements for operator certification. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

**Public Comment Period:** This is now a requirement of public meetings as of legislative action. There were no public comments.

**Other Business-**Kittay reminded the Board that all exams taken after July 1, 2021 would cost \$60 and that the renewal fee was no longer in effect. Certificates would renew automatically if the operator was still in the field and if the contact hours were up to date.

Kittay also noted that the May 6 and May 25 exam sessions were now full. SDARWS has just come out with a July-December 2021 training schedule and an exam schedule would follow. Zeck is going to train in-person for now and will see the situation plays out.

**Next Meeting**-The next meeting is being planned for Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 2:00 pm MT at the RC Ramkota just prior to the SDWWA Conference.

Van Cleave moved for adjournment. Wagner seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.



April 27, 2021

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Rob Kittay

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Date