

**Unapproved Minutes  
Operator Certification Board Meeting  
September 11, 2018  
The Lodge at Deadwood**

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

**Members Absent:** Robin Bobzien

**Others Present:** Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board and Jim Zeck -SDARWS

Call to Order by Chairperson Sarringar at 2:04 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** An agenda had been sent previously and was available on-site. VanCleave moved to approve the agenda. Fink 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. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

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

**Reciprocity:** Michael Gallego-He holds an Alaska Wastewater Treatment Grade 2 and a Water Treatment Grade 1. The water treatment certificate from AK requires high school graduation and one year of experience while the wastewater certificate requires high school graduation and three years of work experience. Van Cleave moved to grant an SD Class II WW certificate and a Class I WT certificate. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

**Final Hearings:** No final hearings were scheduled.

**Preliminary Hearings:** Dry Creek Estates-The system lacks Class I Small Water Treatment and Class I Water Distribution certificates. No exams have been attempted. Numerous drinking water failure to monitor violations have occurred. Kittay has received a call from someone that may possibly contract with the water system but no contract has been submitted. Schmit moved to hold a final hearing at the next board meeting. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Dupree-The system lacks Class I Water Distribution, Wastewater Treatment, and Wastewater Collection certificates. No exams have been attempted. Fink moved to hold a final hearing at the next board meeting. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

**Contract Approvals:** Alpena/Mid-Dakota RWS-The city needs a Class I Wastewater Treatment operator as the population equivalent (PE) of the waste stream from Jack Link is over 500 people. The RWS's intended operator is currently not certified as a wastewater operator and has attempted only one exam. Kittay asked if is appropriate to approve this contract with that in mind. Schmit moved to table approval of this contract as there is not a properly certified operator. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed with Fink voting against and Sarringar abstaining

Frawley Ranch/Black Hills Certified Operators-The system needs a Class I Water Distribution operator. The company is currently running two other water systems. Fink moved to approve the contract. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Rushmore Under Canvas/Ed Striebel-This is a new transient water system and requires a Small Water Treatment System certificate. Schmit moved to approve the contract. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Dell Rapids/Bob Montis-Dell Rapids has just built a new Class III Wastewater Treatment plant. No one at Dell Rapids is qualified to take a Class III exam. Much discussion ensued over the amount of time at the plant. It appears that the emergency provision would be nullified if he needs to be in Sioux Falls at time of the issue. VanCleave moved to not approve the contract based on the duties stated and possible spending a minimum of one hour on site. Schmit seconded. The Board would encourage continued search for a fulltime operator. Motion Passed

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

VanCleave moved to hold preliminary hearings at the next board meeting for the following-

| System               | Lacking Certificates | Comments                   |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Alpena               | WW I                 | Exam failed 6/5/2018       |
| Bel Brands           | WW III               |                            |
| Buffalo Gap          | SWT I/WD I           | Have had two RTCR TTTs     |
| Cosmos               | SWT I                |                            |
| Eureka               | WD I/WW I            | WWC I passed               |
| Fort Welikit         | SWT I                | Contact Hour Issue         |
| Garden City          | SWT I/WD I           | Contact Hour Issue         |
| Henry                | WD I                 | Exam failed numerous times |
| Horseshoe Acres      | WD I                 | SWT I passed               |
| Lakeside Water Users | SWT I/WD I           | Contact Hour Issue         |
| Pine Hills Park      | WD I                 | Contact Hour Issue         |
| SDEDA                | WW III               |                            |
| Tri-Valley School    | WW I                 |                            |

Schmit seconded. Motion passed,

**Other Business-**This will be Fink’s last board meeting as he will be retiring in December 2018. He expresses his appreciation of being able to serve on the Board.

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

**Next Meeting-**The next meeting will be in conjunction with the SDWWA Wastewater Seminar.

Fink moved for adjournment. Schmit seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

*Rob Kittay*

September 17, 2018

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Date