

Unapproved Minutes
South Dakota Operator Certification Board Meeting
September 10, 2024
The Lodge at Deadwood - Deadwood, 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, Rob Kittay, Bill Thorson, Gavin Graverson, 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. Wagner moved to approve the agenda. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 16, 2024, Board meeting minutes had been emailed previously to the Board members and available on the internet. Bobzien moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: Hill provided the Board with an update of the requested proposal and costs associated with adding computer-based testing of water/wastewater exams.

Contract Approvals: Hill reviewed each contract for the Board.

Bulldog Creek Campground - Van Cleave moved to approve the contract between Bulldog Campground and Sage Waterworks, LLC. Craig Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

High Country Guest Ranch - Van Cleave moved to approve the contract between High country Guest Ranch and Clearwater Consulting. Craig Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

HTR Black Hills Resort - Van Cleave moved to approve the contract between HTR Black Hills Resort and Clearwater Consulting. Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

Northdale Sanitary District - Van Cleave moved to approve the contract between Northdale Sanitary District and Sage Waterworks, LLC. Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

Riverside Mobile Home Park - Van Cleave moved to approve the contract between Riverside Mobile Home Park and Mike Kyte. Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

Preliminary Hearings:

Herreid - Is required to have a Class I Water Distribution operator. A representative has taken the exam on multiple occasions without success. Allen moved to hold a final hearing at the next board meeting. Seconded by Wagner. Motion passed.

Sunnyside Mobile Home Park & Valley View Water System - Is required to have a Class I Small Water Treatment and Class I Water Distribution operator. Both systems are owned by the same owner. The owner is working on finalizing a contract with Sage Waterworks, LLC to serve as the contract operator for the systems. Wagner moved to hold a final hearing at the next board meeting. Seconded by Van Cleave. Motion passed.

White - Is required to have a Class I Wastewater Treatment/Stabilization Pond and Class I Wastewater Collections operator. A representative has passed the Class I Stabilization Pond exam, but still needs to obtain the Class I Wastewater Collections certificate. Van Cleave moved to hold a final hearing at the next board meeting. Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

Final Hearings: None

Reciprocity:

William Lower - Holds a New York Grade D Water Distribution certificate. A New York Grade D Water Distribution certificate requires a high school graduation and 1 year of experience. A New York Grade D Water Distribution certificate is comparable to South Dakota's Class I Water Distribution certificate. Van Cleave moved to grant a Class IV Water Treatment Certificate. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Randy Sugrue - Holds a New Mexico Class IV Water Supply and a New Mexico Class IV Wastewater Treatment certificate. Each certificate requires high school graduation and 4 years of experience. The New Mexico Class IV Water Supply and Class IV Wastewater Treatment certificates are comparable to South Dakota's Class II Water Treatment and Class II Wastewater Treatment certificates. Van Cleave moved to grant a Class II Water Treatment and Class II Wastewater Treatment certificates. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Jason Weber - Holds a Minnesota Class C Water Supply certificate and Class D Wastewater Treatment certificate. The Minnesota Class C Water Supply certificate requires a high school graduation and 3 years of experience. The Minnesota Class C Water Supply certificate is comparable with a South Dakota Class II WD certificate. The Minnesota Class D Wastewater Treatment certificate requires a high school graduation and 1 year of experience. The Minnesota Class D Wastewater Treatment Certificate is comparable with a South Dakota Class I Wastewater Treatment certificate. Van Cleave moved to grant a Class II Water Distribution and Class I Wastewater Treatment certificate. Allen 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 Badlands-White River KOA, Black Elk Resort, Buffalo Gap, Provo Water System, Rock Ridge Court/Triple T, Vale Sanitary District. 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. Allen seconded. 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: April 15, 2025 in Pierre SD.

Schmit moved for adjournment. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.



10/29/2024

Tammie Hill

Date