

Unapproved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
April 10, 2018
Matthew Training Center-Pierre

Members Present: Dan Fink, Chris Schmit, Dave VanCleave, Ryan Allen, Robin Bobzien

Members Absent: Bill Sarringar

Others Present: Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board and Becky Brunsing from Wagner via phone

Call to Order by Chairperson Van Cleave at 2:04 pm.

Kittay explained that the meeting was being live fed over the internet which is a new requirement of state boards.

Approval of Agenda: An agenda had been sent previously. Kittay wanted to add contract approvals for Rimrock Ridge, Pillar Peak, and Rim Rock Homeowners and delete the hearing for Lewie's. The Board moved Wagner up in the agenda. Schmit moved to approve the amended agenda. Allen 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.

Preliminary Hearing: Wagner-Bobzien moved to take the Wagner case from the table. Schmit seconded. Motion passed. The City is lacking a Class II Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection certificate as well as a Class I Wastewater Treatment certificate. Mike Kazena has passed the Class I WD certificate. He has failed the Class II WD exam five times with scores ranging from 52%-60%. He has failed the Class I Stabilization Pond exam twice-May 18, 2017-62% and August 10, 2017-66%. He has taken exams twice in Pierre with Kittay proctoring private exam sessions. Becky Brunsing represented Wagner via the phone. Wagner is advertising to fill the position and is working with Randall RWS on a contract. Schmit moved to hold a final hearing at the next Board meeting. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

Reciprocity: Brent Hoffman-He holds a Minnesota Class "A" Water Supply certificate. This certificate compares with a South Dakota Class IV Water Treatment certificate in that it requires a high school education and eight years of work experience. Fink moved to grant a South Dakota Class IV Water Treatment certificate. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Patrick Wright-He holds a Georgia Class 1 Wastewater Operator certificate. This certificate compares with a South Dakota Class II WW Treatment certificate in that it requires a high school education and three years of work experience. Bobzien moved to grant a South Dakota Class II Wastewater Treatment certificate. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Clinton Beck-He holds Arizona Grade 2 Water Treatment, Water Distribution, and Wastewater Treatment certificates. These certificates compare with South Dakota Class I certificates in that they require a high school education and one year of work experience. Schmit moved to grant South Dakota Class I certificates in those categories. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Final Hearings: Canova-The Town is lacking a Class I Water Distribution certificate. Dave Esser passed the SWT I on August 10, 2017. He has failed the Class I WD exam four times with scores ranging 52%-62%. He was also a “no-show” for exam in Sioux Falls on April 27, 2017. Schmit moved to turn this case over to DENR for enforcement. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

The board was informed that the cases from the last Board meeting that were turned over for enforcement had administrative orders written by Tammi Hill in February and are with Mark Mayer waiting to be signed. They must get then other signatures from DENR and Attorney General personnel.

Huterville Colony-The colony is lacking a Class I Water Distribution certificate. Tom Waldner Sr has failed the exam five times with scores ranging from 54%-62%. Tom Waldner Jr has failed the exam twice with scores of 60% and 63%. Samson Waldner failed the exam with a score of 66%. Fink moved to turn this case over to DENR for enforcement. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

Cedar Gulch I- The system has been lacking a Class I Water Distribution certificate since at least November 1, 2016. No exams have been attempted. The letter sent certified after the September 2017 OpCert Board Mtg was unclaimed and had to be resent via regular mail. Allen moved to turn this case over to DENR for enforcement. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Preliminary Hearings: Lake Preston-The city lacks a Class I WW Treatment operator. Jacob Langland has passed the Water Distribution and WW Collection exams. He will be taking the Stabilization Pond exam on April 12, 2018 in Aberdeen. Schmit moved to hold a final hearing at the next Board Meeting. Allen seconded. Motion passed

Pactola Water Association-The system has submitted a contract for review. Schmit moved to table this case. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

Contract Approvals: Pactola Water Association/Ed Striebel-Bobzien moved to approve the contract. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Rimrock Ridge/Brandon Powles-Allen moved to approve the contract. Bozien seconded. Motion passed.

Pillar Peak/Frank Karas-This contract does not contain a weekly visit clause. Bobzien moved to approve the contract with a contingency that it be edited to show a weekly on-site visit. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Rim Rock Home Owners/Farmers Supply-Schmit moved to approve the contract. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Status of Certification: The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators. Kittay updated the Board. Schmit moved that the following systems have preliminary hearings at the next Board meeting-

System	Deficiency
Bristol	WD I
Camp Bob Marshall	SWT I
Dry Creek Estates	SWT I WD I
Dupree	WD I WW I WWC I
Horseshoe Acres	WD I
Rimrock Heights	SWT I WWD I

Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business-Kittay updated the Board on the fact that the new ABC exams are being used.

Fink will be retiring in December 2018. The September 2018 meeting will be his last OpCert Board meeting.

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

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be in conjunction with the SDWWA Conference in Deadwood on September 11, 2018 2:00 pm.

Schmit moved for adjournment. Allen seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:01pm.



April 16, 2018

Rob Kittay

Date