

**Approved Minutes  
Operator Certification Board Meeting  
April 4, 2006  
Cedar Shores-Oacoma**

**Members Present:** Del DeBoer, Greg Merrigan, Clint Jost, Tom Lesselyoung, Pete Hesla

**Members Absent :** John Scheltens

**Others Present:** Rob Kittay, Secretary to the Board; Jim Zeck, SDARWS; Randy Hilding, DENR; Gary Englund, Brookings Municipal Utilities; and Craig Price, Pine Hills Park.

Call to Order by Chairperson DeBoer at 1:09 pm.

The Board introduced themselves to those present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Kittay asked whether the Board wanted to approve contract for systems that were not yet classified as a PWS but would be so in the future. DeBoer indicated that this could be handled under "Other Business". Merrigan moved to approve the agenda. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes-**The minutes were previously emailed and were available on internet. Merrigan moved for approve the minutes of the last meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

**Formal Hearing-**Pine Hills Park@Black Hawk (PHP)-Kittay reviewed the case for the Board. Craig Price, representing PHP, added comments from his perspective as manager. The owner had passed away suddenly, and the state of the court was uncertain. The wife of the former owner is now in charge of the court. WD/SWT I certificates are needed. Price will be testing in Brookings on April 13 and Winner on May 11. Merrigan moved to continue this hearing until the September meeting. Hesla seconded. Motion passed.

**Informal Hearings-**DeBoer asked about Riverside TC. Kittay indicated that it had been sold and should be included with the next set of hearings.

American Presidents Resort hearing was cancelled as they no longer chlorinate according to letter from Jan Gray, Owner.

Corsica-No-one was present to represent Corsica; however, Kittay read a letter submitted by Corsica and reviewed the case for the Board. Marty Banghart is the operator and has attended classes. He applied to take an exam in Rapid City in February but the exam session had already filled. Hesla moved to continue the hearing until the September meeting. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Fairview-No-one appeared for Fairview. Kittay reviewed case. Steve Dobbe passed the SWT I on December 15, 2005 but had not realized that a WD I was also necessary. He will be taking an exam in Sioux Falls on May 18. Merrigan moved to continue this hearing until the September meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Fish 'n Fry Campground-No-one appeared for the system; however, DeBoer read a letter from John Doerr dated March 29, 2006. Kittay also commented on case. Jost moved to continue this hearing until next the next meeting. Hesla seconded. Motion passed with Merrigan voting no.

Tabor-No-one appeared for the system. Kittay reviewed case. DeBoer moved to hold a formal hearing at the next meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Wolf Creek School-No-one appeared for the system. Kittay reviewed file. Merrigan asked about jurisdiction for this system and where it was located. Kittay stated that it is near Pine Ridge and the DENR regulates it. The operator has attended classes according to Zeck. Hesla moved that a formal hearing be held in September. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

**Contract Approval**-BDM RWS and five systems (Pierpont/Claremont/Lake City/Amherst/Peever)-DeBoer reviewed these contracts for the Board. BDM will only be on-site once a month. Merrigan stated that the Board has required weekly visits for other contract operations. Merrigan moved not to approve these contracts and that weekly visits at a minimum will be required. Jost seconded. There was further discussion. Motion passed.

Black Hawk San District and Ed Striebel-Merrigan indicated that contract was rather complete when compared with criteria used by the Board. Merrigan moved to approve this contract. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Hidden Valley Campground and Ed Striebel-Lesselyoung reviewed contract for Board. It was noted that the visits were "one to two times per month or as needed..." Hesla moved to approve the contract with the provision that weekly visits be made. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Golden Valley and Ed Striebel-Jost reviewed contract for the Board. Del had question about contract going beyond day-to-day operation. This contract also stated "visit the site two times monthly or as needed..." DeBoer moved to approve the contract for weekly visits and to approve only the portion of the contract pertaining to operation and maintenance of the system—Not construction/design/installation. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Britton and Paul Brubaken-Hesla reviewed the water and wastewater contracts for the Board. Hesla moved to approve the wastewater contract with weekly visits. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Water Distribution-Lesselyoung moved to have the contract resubmitted with the blanks completed. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Hesla wanted to revisit the Britton wastewater contract. Hesla moved to strike his previous motion. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed. Hesla moved to have the wastewater contract resubmitted with the blanks completed. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Wilco Water Company near Belle Fourche-The contract was reviewed. DeBoer moved for approval. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

**New Systems for Enforcement**-Hesla moved that the following systems have informal hearings at the next meeting-

<b>System</b>	<b>Certificates Lacking</b>	<b>Notice of Vacancy</b>
Britton	WD I/WW I/WWC I	April 1, 2005
Cattlemen's Saloon	SWT I	April 12, 2005
Eastwinds MHP	WD I	January 20, 2005
Emery	WD I	April 22, 2005
Fruitdale	WD I	March 11, 2005
Gettysburg	WWC I	April 11, 2005
Java	WD I	December 1, 2004
Lakeside Water Users	SWT I/WD I	January 1, 2005
Nemo Water System	WD I	November 1, 2004
South Shore	SWT I/WD I	February 25, 2005

Jost seconded. Motion passed.

**Terms on Board**-Merrigan will not seek reappointment to the board. DeBoer commended Merrigan for his service to the Board of over twenty years.

**Other Business**-Kittay asked about reviewing contracts for system that were not yet classified as PWS but had submitted them during their Capacity Development review. The Board determined since it was needed for Capacity Development that they should review them.

Al Sage and Sunset Ranch-DeBoer commented on contract. Jost moved to approve the contract contingent on the system becoming a PWS. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Ron Waterland and Antlers at Bear Butte Water System-A monthly visit was noted in the contract. Lesselyoung moved to approve the contract contingent on the system becoming a PWS and that weekly visits be made. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Kittay asked about systems using a contract operator and then having their own operator passed the certification exam. A system wanted to know if they could discontinue their contract if their operator had not received his certificate and was just waiting for the one year of experience to be fulfilled. The Board said that the contract could be discontinued.

Merrigan asked about the situation surrounding exam sessions being full and operators being turned away from taking an exam. Kittay explained what had happened in Rapid City in February. There were just no more tables to use at the motel. It has happened only three times in 21 years.

**Next Meeting**-Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at the Rapid City Ramkota at 2:00 pm.

**Exam Review**-DeBoer stated that there were significant changes in the exams. The Board proceeded to review the exams with the assistance of Hilding and Zeck.

Hesla left meeting at 3:42 pm. Lesselyoung left meeting at 4:31 pm. Jost and Merrigan left meeting at 4:49 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

*Rob Kittay*

April 6, 2006

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