

Approved Minutes

Operator Certification Board Meeting

September 11, 2001

Yankton-Kelly Inn

Members Present: Del DeBoer, Greg Merrigan, Clint Jost, John Scheltens

Member Absent: Jim Zeck, Tom Lesselyoung

Others Present: Rob Kittay, Secretary to the Board; Greg Gemar, Scotland; Joel Schmidt and Rich Becker, Canistota; Randy Hilding, DENR; and Jan Frederick

Call to Order by Chairperson Merrigan at 2:45 pm

Informal Hearing: Scotland-Mayor Gemar updated the Board on a plan to hire City Plumber into the Utilites Department on either a contract or thru direct employment. DeBoer moved to continue this hearing until next meeting. Scheltens seconded. Motion passed

Approval of Agenda: DeBoer moved to approve the agenda. Scheltens seconded. Motion passed

Cheryl Johnson Resigning from Board: The Board wishes to thank Cheryl for her years of service to Board and appreciate her time and service on the Board. Kittay will send a letter relaying this to Cheryl.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March meeting were available on the web and thru email. DeBoer's name was corrected in two places. Jost moved to approve the minutes with these two corrections. Scheltens seconded. Motion passed.

Reciprocity: Kittay had previously provided the Board with information on the two reciprocity cases.

Jason Pease-Holds WT I, WD II, and Wastewater Lagoon I from Iowa. As Iowa's requirements match South Dakota's requirements, Kittay recommended that WT I, WD II, and SP I be issued from South Dakota. Pease will be working at Worthing. DeBoer moved that the certificates be granted as recommended by Kittay. Jost seconded. Motion passed. Pease will be testing for WWC I in November.

Don Mitchell-Holds WT II from Arizona. As Arizona's requirements for their Class II match South Dakota's Class I requirements, Kittay recommended that a WT I certificate be issued from South Dakota. Mitchell works for the contractor at Ellsworth AFB (Hawthorn Services). Jost moved that the certificates be granted as recommended by Kittay. Scheltens seconded. Motion passed.

Formal Hearings: Onida, Hidden Valley, and Siouxland Trading Post had their hearings cancelled as they are now in compliance with Operator Certification Law.

Rockerville Trading Post-This system lacks a Water Treatment certificate. Kittay explained that they may not be a public water system during 2002 because of lack of people being served by system. He suggested to notify the system that if they open up next year as a PWS that they must have a certified operator by July 1, 2002 or case will be turned over to Attorney General. Scheltens made a motion reflecting this. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Custer Mountain Campground-This system had been previously dealing with John Kelley of Custer in an

effort to have him operate the system thru a contract. No progress has been made and nothing had been heard from this system prior to the hearing. DeBoer moved to send this to Attorney General by November 1, 2001. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Informal Hearings: Canistota-This case was discussed informally with Rich Becker and Joel Schmidt prior to the meeting before a quorum was obtained. DeBoer moved to continue this hearing to the next regular meeting and a letter be sent noting a quorum was obtained and are encouraged by their progress. Scheltens seconded. Motion passed.

Corsica's hearing was cancelled as all exams have been passed.

Lakeside Estates @ Aberdeen-No exams have been attempted and nothing was heard from this system prior to meeting. Scheltens moved to have formal hearing. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Woonsocket-Kittay reviewed a questionnaire with the Board that was sent to Woonsocket. City will be accelerating their training schedule in the next few months. Only one exam had been attempted since last meeting. Woonsocket had only one employee during summer. Jost move to continue this hearing to next regular meeting. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Worthing-The town has hired a part-time employee that was granted three certificates in SD-Jason Pease. DeBoer moved to continue this hearing Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Isabel-Will be hooking up to Tri-County RWS and not need a water treatment operator.

Contracts for Approval: Spearfish Industrial Park-The City of Spearfish will be running this system for the association in exchange for water for some athletic fields. A complete contract was submitted. Scheltens moved to approve this contract. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Rushmore Ranch Estates-Jay Chittim, a Rapid city operator, has contracted to run this housing development water system. Scheltens moved to approve this contract. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Plan for Action on ABC Exams: A review of what has happened so far took place. Certain members of the Board will meet in November and December to discuss the water and wastewater exams provided by ABC. They hope to these exams in use by early next year.

New Systems: There are always a number of new systems that are being built and have hired operators prior to actual operation. Kittay stated that no operating experience is granted until the system is actually operating as much of this time is working with easements, construction inspection, etc. The Board concurred with Kittay on this.

"Offenses Providing a Basis for Enforcement Action": An article appeared in the Certifier concerning offenses for which an operator could have their certificates suspended or revoked. This was based on the New England Water Works Association Operator Certification Committee. A comparison was between this list and South Dakota's regulations. South Dakota's regulations are more general in nature rather than very specific as in the article. When another reg change is done, the Board will refer to this list of offenses.

New Systems for Enforcement: The certification status of a number of systems was discussed. DeBoer moved that the following systems have an informal hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting:

Atlantic Mountain Ranch Badger Bicentennial TC

Buffalo Fish-N-Fry-North & South Grassland Colony

Heartland Restaurant Nemo Guest Ranch-Campground

Nisland Oak Mountain Oaks/Quartz Canyon

Powder House Lodge Siphon Hills South Shore

Valley Motel Waubay Willow Lake

Wickiup Village-Old & New

Scheltens seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business: There was none forthcoming.

Next Meeting: Kittay will consult with the Board as to when the next regularly scheduled meeting will take place-either prior to Water Seminar or Wastewater Seminar. The Water and Wastewater Exam Committees will meet in November and December.

Adjournment: DeBoer moved for adjournment. Jost seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.



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Rob Kittay

September 20, 2001