

**Approved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
April 30, 2013
Matthew Center-Pierre**

Members Present: Clint Jost, Tom Lesselyoung, Bill Sarringar, Chris Schmit, Tim McGannon, Dave VanCleave

Members Absent:

Others Present: Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board; Dan Fink-Harrisburg, Ed Striebel-Clearwater Consulting

Call to Order by Chairperson Sarringar at 11:00 am.

Approval of Agenda: Kittay wanted to add possible review of new exams from ABC and a contract for Country Village-N/S. Schmit moved to approve the amended agenda. The Board also wanted to move up items that Striebel was present for. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes had been emailed previously to the Board members and had been available on the internet. Jost moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: There was no old business.

Contract Reviews: Terry Trojan/Ed Striebel-This was a standard contract that Striebel had submitted a number of times previously. McGannon moved approve the contract with a wording change under "System Operation Services" from "approximately four times per month" to "weekly". Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Heartland Campground and Black Hills Chairlift (Terry Peak Ski-Nevada Gulch Lodge)/Ed Striebel-These are transient systems. Striebel would like to have a waiver from weekly visits. There is an on-site manager in addition to the contract operator. Heartland is served by 1000' Lakota well while Terry Peak is served by a 500' Deadwood well. Heartland is regulated year-round by DENR even though there are few visitors in the winter while Terry Peak is considered as a seasonal system operating generally from Thanksgiving thru March.

Striebel suggested weekly visits during the heavy tourist season for each when there are at least 25 people per day there. For Heartland, this would be May thru September.

Lesselyoung moved to permit weekly visits for each of these water systems as follows-Terry Peak-December thru March and Heartland-May thru September. McGannon seconded. Contracts should be amended to show this change. Motion passed.

Striebel had some more comments about contracts and weekly visits in general. System size should be considered.

Country Village North and South-Striebel submitted a contract for Bob Powles to operate these systems. Toby Rolfe (on-site manager) is trying to get certified and took the WD I on April 25,

2013. The results will not be known for 7-10 days. Schmit moved approve the contract with a wording change under "System Operation Services" from "approximately four times per month" to "weekly". Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Reciprocity: Harold Arnold-South Carolina WD Level A-This certificate requires four years of experience and high school graduation. This is most similar to the SD Class II. Jost moved to grant a South Dakota WD Class II certificate. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

William Krivanek-Minnesota Water Supply Class D-This certificate requires one year of experience and high school graduation. MN does not have a water distribution certificate. SD grants water treatment certificates for the MN "Water Supply" certificate. McGannon moved to grant South Dakota WT Class I certificate. Lesselyoung seconded. McGannon asked if he could take a WD I exam. With the information presented on application, it appeared that he could. Motion passed.

Justin Walsh-North Dakota WD Grade 02-This certificate requires three years of experience and high school graduation. This is most similar to the SD Class II. Sarringar moved to grant a South Dakota WD Class II certificate. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Nicholas Haizel-Wisconsin WW Grade 3, Alyssa Probst-Wisconsin WW Grade 4, and Jenchie Wang-Wisconsin WW Grade 4-None of these WI certificates require a minimum level of education while even the SD Class I requires a high school graduation. A comparison is made from program to program in accordance with SD laws and regulations. These three people appear to work for a contracting group. Lesselyoung moved that no certificates be granted as WI's program has standards lower than SD in respect to required education. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

David Johnson-Montana WD 4A, WT 4B, WW 4C-These certificates requires six months of experience and high school graduation. One year is the lowest amount of experience to be able to get a certificate in SD and that is for the Class I. Jost moved that no certificates be granted as MT's program has standards lower than SD in respect to required experience. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff Metzger-Wyoming WT1, WW1, WD2, WWC2-The WT1 and WW1 certificates require six months of experience and high school graduation. The WD2 and WWC2 certificates require one year of experience and high school graduation. Schmit moved that no certificates be granted for the WT/WW certificates as WY's program has standards lower than SD in respect to required experience and also moved to grant South Dakota WDI and WWC I certificates. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed with Sarringar abstaining.

Final Hearings: Country Village North/South (SWT/WD I)-These are two trailer courts near Rapid City. Bob Powles was doing sampling for them but was not under a contract to operate/maintain the system nor was he an employee. A contract was just submitted on April 29, 2013 which was approved by the Board previously during the meeting.

Preliminary Hearings: Lewie's Saloon and Eatery near Lead, Creative Kids Too-Rapid City, and Camp Rimrock-DENR has received no contact from these systems. Schmit moved to schedule a final hearing at the next Board meeting. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Heartland Campground-Contract approved previously.

Lake Preston-The WD and WWC exams have been passed; however, the WW exam has been failed five times by two different operators. Van Cleave moved to hold a final hearing at the next Board meeting. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Contract Approvals (cont'd): The following contracts were submitted to the Board-

Lakeside Estates near Aberdeen/District Maintenance-They contract operate several other systems near Aberdeen. Jost moved for approval. McGannon seconded. Motion passed.

Bradley/Dave Moeller-Moeller contracts with two other towns. McGannon moved for approval. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Status of Certification:The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators. Schmit moved to schedule preliminary hearings at the next Board meeting for the following systems.

Bryant	SWT I	
Cedar Gulch I	WD I	
Chancellor	WD I	Contact Hours
Forestburg Water	SWT I/WD I	Expired Contract 1/1/13
Fruitdale	WD I	
Hillcrest Colony	WD I	Contact Hours
Lake Poinsett Estates	SWT I	
Lesterville	WD I	Contact Hours
McIntosh	SWT I/WD I	
Morristown	SWT I/WD I	Contact Hours
Pollock	WW I	
Rolling Meadows	WD I	Contact Hours
Sanborn Central School	WD I	Contact Hours
Spearfish Forest Prod.	WD I	
Terra Cotta Estates	SWT I/WD I	
Three Forks Campgrnd	SWT I	
Valley Motel-Custer	SWT I	Expired Contract
Wild Bill's	SWT I	
Wolf Creek School	SWT I	No 2013 Renewal

Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Retiring Board Member: Clint Jost will be retiring at Wessington Springs and will be vacating his seat on the Board. Dan Fink will be taking his place. The Board thanked him for his many years of service.

Other Business-ABC Exam Review-ABC has submitted new exams for South Dakota. ABC now has a policy that test questions cannot be changed on the standard exams. The Board decided not to review the exams. Kittay said he went thru a couple of them, and they were similar to the prior exams.

Fink asked about passing rate for exams. Kittay indicated that from 1988 thru the present the passing rate was around 50%.

Kittay stated that after the last Board Meeting that the certificates are now issued with "Operations Specialist" instead of "Operator".

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be on September 10, 2013 in Aberdeen just prior to the SDWWA Conference.

Schmit moved for adjournment. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Rob Kittay

May 2, 2013

Rob Kittay

Date