

**Unapproved Minutes  
Operator Certification Board Meeting  
April 28, 2015  
Matthew Center-Pierre**

**Members Present:** Dan Fink, Chris Schmit, Dave VanCleave, Tom Callaway, Bill Sarringar, Tom Lesselyoung

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board

Call to Order by Chairperson Sarringar at 2:02 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** Kittay wanted to add a contract approval for Sunrise Homeowners, delete the hearing for Worthing, and add a reciprocity hearing for Brad Lueders from Minnesota. Schmit moved to approve the amended agenda. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

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

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**Reciprocity:** Ken Burke-Michigan WW A-1b, B-2a, C-2b, C-3a-According to the response received from Michigan, only six months of work experience is required for this certificate. The minimum experience for the Class I certificate in SD is one year. Van Cleave moved that no certificate be awarded due to the level of work experience required by Michigan. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Chris Meyers-Texas WD-C, WT-C, WWC-II-The Texas WD-C, WT-C, and WWC-II each require high school and two years of experience. This is similar to the SD Class II certificate. Meyers is currently working for Sioux Falls. Fink moved to grant Class II certificates. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Shane Bradford-Louisiana WD 4 and WT-1-The Louisiana WT 1 requires high school and one year of experience. The Louisiana WD 4 requires a degree and four years of experience. These are similar to the SD Class I and Class IV respectively. Van Cleave moved to grant a SD WD Class IV and a WT Class I. Callaway seconded. Motion passed.

Nathan McCombs-Alaska WW 4-The Alaska WW 4 requires four years of post-secondary education and four years of work experience. This is similar to the SD Class IV. McCombs is the new WW superintendent in Pierre. Schmit moved to grant the SD Class IV WW certificate. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Hyrum Webb-Alaska WW 1-The Alaska WW 1 requires high school and one year of work experience. This is similar to the SD Class I. Callaway moved to grant the SD Class I WW certificate. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Brad Lueders-Minnesota Water Supply B-The Minnesota Water Supply B requires high school and six years of experience. This is similar to the SD Class III. Fink moved to grant an SD WT Class III certificate. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

**Final Hearings:** Lake Preston-Lacking a WW I. The operator had passed the WD I exam on August 14, 2014 and the WWC I on December 4, 2014. Fink moved to continue the hearing to the September 2015 meeting because of the progress shown by the system. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed with Schmit dissenting.

Twin Brooks-Lacking SWT I/WD I since February 1, 2104 because of a lack of contact hours. Twin Brooks will be going on rural water on an individual basis this summer and will no longer be a PWS. No action was taken by the Board.

Veblen-Lacking WD I, WWC, and WW I. The system has been without a certified operator since October 2013. A former employee failed the WW I on February 27, 2014, and the current employee failed that exam on April 21, 2015 with a score of 43%. Kittay has suggested that he take the SP I exam instead of the WW I. Fink moved to turn this case over for enforcement. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

**Preliminary Hearings:** Fairburn-Lacking WD I. The city has been without a certified operator since March 2014. The current water system manager failed the exam on January 29, 2015 with a score of 68% on her only attempt to take the exam. Their supplier (Hermosa Water Users) has a certified WD operator. Kittay had suggested to Fairburn that they contract with that operator. Schmit moved to hold a final hearing at the next Board meeting. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Jefferson-Lacking WT II. Logan Rubida has passed the WD I, WT I, WWC I, and WW I exams. He will not have the two years of experience necessary to take the WT II until April 28, 2016. Class II exams cannot be taken until the full experience has been earned. Jefferson submitted a letter to the Board. Schmit moved to hold a final hearing in April 2016. Callaway seconded. Motion passed.

**Contract Approvals:** Creative Kids Too Daycare/WD I-The system submitted a contract for Al Sage to operate the system. Fink moved to approve. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Pleasant Valley-Sturgis/SWT I and WD I-The system submitted a contract for Al Sage to operate the system. Lesselyoung moved to approve. Callaway seconded. Motion passed.

Lewie's Burgers and Brews/SWT I-The system submitted a contract for Frank Karas to operate the system. Fink moved to approve. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Northwood Park-Aberdeen/WD I-The system submitted a contract for Water District Maintenance/Andy Van Steenwyk to operate the system. Van Cleave moved to approve. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Palmer Gulch/Mt Rushmore KOA/WT I and WW I-The system submitted a contract for Ed Striebel to operate the system. Fink moved to approve the contract contingent that subsequent information to be supplied on the wastewater system. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Cimarron Park/SWT I and WD I-The system submitted a contract for Ed Striebel to operate the system. Schmit moved to approve. Callaway seconded. Motion passed.

Sunrise Homeowners-Spearfish/SWT and WD I-The system submitted a contract for Pat Hasson to operate the system. Van Cleave moved to approve. Schmit 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-

System	Lacking Certificate(s)	Comment
Badger	WD I	Lack of contact hours
Coffee Cup-Summit	SWT I	Lack of contact hours
Corsica	WD I/WW I/WWC I	
Mission Hill	WD I	Lack of contact hours
Summit	SWT I/WD I	Lack of contact hours
Timberland Park-Yankton	WD I	Lack of contact hours
Utica	WD I	Lack of contact hours
Wagner	WD II/WW I/WWC II	
Willow Lake	WD I	Lack of contact hours

Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

**Other Business**-Some questions were asked about exam fees. Kittay explained that each exam costs DENR \$37 plus travel costs. Examinees only pay \$10 to take an exam. This fee is set in statute. Kittay had come up with a restructuring of the fees to have exams fees cover the cost of exams and reduce the renewal fees. DENR officials refused to take any action.

Kittay gave the Board a graph showing the number of exams given each year along with the passing rates.

**Next Meeting**-The next meeting will be Tuesday September 15, 2015 2:00 pm at the Spearfish Holiday Inn just prior to the SDWWA Annual Conference.

Schmit moved for adjournment. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.



May 5, 2015

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Rob Kittay

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Date