

**Approved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
September 10, 2013
Ramkota Inn-Aberdeen**

Members Present: Dan Fink, Tom Lesselyoung, Bill Sarringar, Chris Schmit, Tim McGannon, Dave VanCleave

Members Absent:

Others Present: Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board; Jim Zeck-SDARWS; Pete Hesla-Aberdeen

Call to Order by Chairperson Sarringar at 2:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Schmit moved to approve the agenda. McGannon seconded. Motion passed.

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

Old Business: There was no old business.

Reciprocity: Jerrod Christen-This operator has a Minnesota Grade A WW certificate. The requirements are a college degree plus four years of experience or high school graduation plus eight years of experience. This is similar to the SD Class IV WW certificate. Van Cleave moved to grant a SD Class II WW certificate to Christen. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Walter Mahoney-This operator has a Massachusetts Grade 6 WW certificate. The requirements are seven years of experience with no education requirement. Kittay confirmed the no education requirement with MA personnel thru email. All SD certificates require an education component. McGannon moved that no certificate be granted as MA does not have an education component and SD law requires that granting state to have a program that equals or exceeds SD's requirements. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Michael Gillespie-This operator has an Ohio Class II Water Supply certificate. This certificate covers both water treatment and water distribution. The requirements for this certificate are a high school graduation and three of experience. The SD Class II requires a high school graduation and two years of experience. Fink moved to grant a SD Class II Water treatment certificate. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Final Hearings: Lewie's Saloon and Eatery near Lead-Kittay received a call from an operator inquiring about contract operating the system. Kittay sent the Board policy to this operator. No further communication was received from this operator or the system. VanCleave moved to turn over this case to DENR for enforcement. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Creative Kids Too-Rapid City-Kittay received a call from Steve Nolan indicating they would be working on getting certified. Schmit moved turn over this case to DENR for enforcement. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Camp Rimrock-Kittay received an email from Don Nolting on this issue as follows:

Dear Mr. Kittay,

We are sorry for the last minute attention to this matter coming before the board, but our contact person has had major medical issues these past several weeks prior to communicating with you. We appreciate your understanding.

In the past, the Presbytery Camping Commission has had various camp managers certified to operate the system and we have hired an operator when this position was vacant. This has led to lack of continuity and confusion for everyone regarding contact persons. I have decided to apply for Class 1 testing and certification to hopefully alleviate this problem. I am a board member of our commission, reside in Rapid City where our camps are located and have done the water sampling for several years.

Since we will soon be operating a second site in the Black Hills, I would like to attend the class offered January 28-30, 2014 in Rapid City for additional education rather than just take the exam. Since Camp Rimrock is closed for the season, I hope this will be an acceptable time frame. Thank you for sending the training manual and I will be making application to the class following our fall commission meeting at the end of September.

Barb Friedeman has indicated that this e-mail would suffice for the Board's consideration, but if you need further information, please contact me at this address, my home (dnolt@rap.midco.net), or my cell phone (605-209-0348).

Thank you very much,

Don Nolting
8500 Dunsmore Rd.
Rapid City, SD 57702

Kittay indicated in response to this email that the person that does the day-to-day job duties at water system must be certified.

McGannon moved that since this system is now closed for season to continue this hearing at the next Board meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Preliminary Hearings: Fruitdale (WD I)-The town submitted a letter for the Board to waive the weekly on-site visit required for a contract operator. Kittay read the letter and referred to parts of the contract submitted. Schmit asked about setting a precedent for less than weekly on-site visits, and the fact that the Board has denied two other requests in the past. There was some talk about changing the regulation. A local person that does some work on the water system could get certified in lieu of a contract operator. McGannon moved to deny the request. Sarringar seconded. Motion and second were withdrawn. Sarringar moved to approve the contract on the contingency that the monthly visit component is changed to a weekly on-site visit. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

The Board will discuss a possible regulation change at the next Board meeting.

McIntosh (SWT I/WD I)-The McIntosh operator has failed exams twice and will be taking the exam again. Schmit moved to conduct a final hearing at the next Board meeting. VanCleave seconded. Motion passed.

Spearfish Forest Products (WD I)-There had been no communication with this system. Schmit moved to conduct a final hearing at the next Board meeting. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Terra Cotta Estates (SWT I/WD I)-This system went thru a sheriff's sale last October. There had been no communication with this system. Lesselyoung moved to conduct a final hearing at the next Board meeting. McGannon seconded. Motion passed.

Three Forks Campground (SWT I)-There had been no communication with this system. Schmit moved to conduct a final hearing at the next Board meeting. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Contract Approvals: The following contracts were submitted to the Board-

Pukwana & City of Chamberlain-Chamberlain has a number of certified operators to work at Pukwana. Sarringar moved to approve. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Lazy J Campground & Gary Albers-Albers currently has another contract in place. VanCleave moved to approve. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Sheridan Lake Highlands & Al Sage-Sage has several other contracts in place. McGannon moved to approve. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

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

System	Lacking Certificate(s)
Dupree	WD I/WW I/WWC I
Laughing Waters	WT I/WD I
Mount Rushmore	WWC II
Parkston	WD II

Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Small Wastewater System Exam: The new ABC exam for small wastewater systems has 100 questions of which 25 of those are about mechanical plants—Not stabilization ponds. The former test had 50 questions strictly about ponds. The Board reviewed each exam and wants the small wastewater exam to be a pond exam. McGannon moved to request ABC use the former SD Small WW System Exam. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business:McGannon will be retiring at Mitchell this spring and will be vacating his seat on the Board. This is the public works/city engineer position on Board. Kittay will begin a search for candidates to submit to Steve Pirner. The Board thanked McGannon for his time served on Board.

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be a stand-alone meeting in Pierre. It was suggested that the meeting could be held in conjunction with the Wastewater Seminar. Kittay will submit a date to the Board for approval.

Schmit moved for adjournment. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Rob Kittay

September 13, 2013

Rob Kittay

Date