

**Unapproved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
September 15, 2015
Holiday Inn-Spearfish**

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board; George Vansco; and Jim Zeck, SDARWS.

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

Approval of Agenda: Kittay wanted to add a reciprocity case for Marina Fatieva and delete hearings for Summit and Timberland Park. Schmit moved to approve the amended agenda. Callaway seconded. Motion passed.

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

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

Reciprocity: Greg Stack from AZ-Stack possesses an AZ Water Treatment Grade 4 and an AZ Water Distribution Grade 4. These certificates equate to SD Class II certificates when education and experience were compared. Schmit moved to grant Stack SD Class II WT and Class II WD certificates. Callaway seconded. Motion passed.

Jeremy Gulbranson from MN-Gulbranson possesses MN Water Supply Class B and MN Wastewater Treatment Class D certificates. The Water Supply certificate equates to the SD Water Treatment Class III certificate while the Wastewater Treatment certificate equates to the SD Class I WW when education and experience were compared. Fink moved to grant SD Class III WT and Class I WW certificates. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Mark Redenbaugh from IA-Redenbaugh possesses IA Water Distribution Grade 2, Water Treatment Grade 2, and Wastewater Treatment Grade 1 certificates. The Grade 2 certificates equate to the SD II certificates while the Grade 1 certificate equates to the SD Class I when education and experience were compared. Van Cleave moved to grant SD Class II WT and WD certificates and a Class I WW certificate. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Marina Fatieva from MN-Fatieva possesses a MN Water Supply Class C certificate. The MN Class C equates to the SD Water Treatment Class II certificate when education and experience were compared. Schmit moved to grant a SD Class II WT certificate. Callaway seconded. Motion passed.

Final Hearings: Fairburn Water Association-Lacking WD I. No-one was present to represent Fairburn. The Association 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% and has refused

to take the exam again. Their supplier (Hermosa Water Users) has a certified WD operator. Kittay had previously suggested to Fairburn that they contract with that operator. Schmit moved to have DENR pursue enforcement on this case. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Preliminary Hearings: Corsica WD I/WW I/WWC I-No-one was present to represent the City. Corsica has been without a certified operator since at least July 22, 2014. No exams attempted. Van Cleave moved to hold a final hearing for Corsica at the next Board meeting. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Wagner WD II/WW I-No-one was present to represent Wagner. Jeremy Gulbranson passed his WWC exam and has reciprocity cases for WT and WW at this board meeting. He will be taking his WD exam in November. Schmit moved to hold a final hearing for Wagner at the next Board meeting. Callaway seconded. Motion passed.

Willow Lake WD I- No-one was present to represent Willow Lake. Shane Ladwig was not able to renew his certificates due to lack of contact hours and wants to get out of the business. Robert Johnson has passed the SWT exam; however, he failed the WD I exam recently. Callaway moved to hold a final hearing for Willow Lake at the next Board meeting. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Contract Approvals: Wild Turkey Estates-Spearfish and Chris Mellott-The Board reviewed the contract. Mellott is a resident at Wild Turkey. Fink moved to approve the contract. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

The Lodge at Mt Rushmore and Gary Albers dba Farmers Supply-Albers has other contracts with water systems. Lesselyoung moved to approve the contract. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Status of Certification: The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators. There were questions about Veblen. Fink moved to hold preliminary hearings at the next Board meeting for the following systems-

System	Lacking Certification
Alexandria	WW I
Oldham	WD I
Sacora Station	WD I
Valley Motel	SWT I

Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Van Cleave moved to hold preliminary hearings at the next Board meeting for the following systems-

System	Lacking Certification
Hazel	WD I
Medicine Mountain	SWT I
Palmer Gulch	WT I/WD I/WW I/WWC I
Trout Haven	SWT I
Four Presidents	SWT I

Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business-Callaway brought forth an idea about earning contact hours by getting one-on-one or small group tours of other plants. A form would be completed by both parties to earn the hours. The Board would like more information to be brought to next meeting.

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be a standalone meeting in Pierre most likely just prior to the SDWWA/SD WEA Wastewater Seminar which is preliminarily scheduled for April 20-21, 2016.

Lesselyoung moved for adjournment. Fink seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Rob Kittay

September 22, 2015

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Date