

Approved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
September 14, 1999
Sioux Falls Ramkota

Members Present: Del DeBoer, Cheryl Johnson, John Scheltens, Tom Lesselyoung, Rollin Sieveke, Greg Merrigan

Others Present: Dr. Stephen Ballou-ABC; Tom Callaway-Spearfish; Tom Marvin-Municipal League; Jim Zeck-SDARWS; and Randy Hilding-DENR.

Call to Order by Chairperson Sieveke at 2:06 pm

Approval of Agenda: Kittay wanted to add a reciprocity case for Richard Pederson and an exam application review for David Hock. DeBoer moved to approve to revised agenda. Johnson seconded. Motion passed

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the June meeting had been previously sent to the Board. Merrigan moved for approval of the minutes. Scheltens seconded. Motion passed.

Formal Hearings: Jefferson-Hiram Gross passed his WT II on July 20, 1999. Only the WWC I is now lacking. Merrigan moved to continue this hearing to the spring meeting. Scheltens seconded. Motion passed

Cattlemen's Saloon-Ron Martell failed the SWT I in Spearfish in May. He was scheduled to retake the exam in August, but could not appear as there was a death in his family. He rescheduled for October 21 in SF. DeBoer moved to continue this hearing until the spring meeting. Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Informal Hearings: Lake Preston-Brian Tande is signed up for the WWC I exam in Lead on Sept 22, 1999. Johnson moved to continue this hearing until the spring meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Viborg-Scott Kolthoff is signed up for the WWC I exam in SF in October. Merrigan moved to continue this hearing until the spring meeting. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Centerville-Glenn Edberg has passed a number of exams. Scheltens moved to continue this hearing until the spring meeting. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Need-to-Know/New Exams/etc: Stephen Ballou from ABC was here to discuss. He laid out some options that would be available to SD. Ballou also explained job analysis, item banks, level of service, and exam validation. One particular option that was discussed was one where ABC would annually supply a set of exams for SD's use. If SD then supplied all other materials and corrected the exams, the charge would be \$17 each time an exam was given. A similar option would that ABC would supply all exam materials and correct the exams. The charge under this scenario would be \$27 per exam use. Merrigan moved to recommend that DENR use standard exam service and determine which scenario would be the best use of funds and staff time. Scheltens seconded. More discussion ensued. Motion passed.

Reciprocity: Merle Ellingson currently holds a Class A Wastewater from MN. The requirements are similar to the Class IV in SD. DeBoer moved to grant a Class IV WW. Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Richard Pederson currently holds a Class IV Wastewater Treatment from CA. No direct responsible charge is required for this certificate. Lesselyoung moved that a Class II WW certificate be granted. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Contract Review: Oak Valley Farms-The contract was provided previously to the Board. Merrigan stated that there may be confusion over who is responsible for the operation. DeBoer moved for approval. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Application Review: David Hock submitted an application that relied heavily on swimming pool/spa maintenance for his experience. DeBoer suggested that this was not equivalent job experience for a water treatment operator. Merrigan moved that the application be denied. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

EPA Certification Guidelines: Kittay supplied the Board with latest version of the legislative bill as well as proposed regulation changes.

Status of Certification: The Board reviewed the status of systems out of compliance. DeBoer moved to have informal enforcement hearings for Country Village N/S, Newell, and Wagon Wheel at the spring meeting. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business: Tom Marvin indicated that the Municipal League publication was available for use.

Next meeting: Scheltens spoke about meeting more often. The Board decided to meet in conjunction with the Wastewater Seminar and would meet earlier if circumstances warrant.

Adjournment: Scheltens moved for adjournment. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Rob Kittay

Date