

Approved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
April 29, 2014
Matthew Center-Pierre

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

Members Absent: Bill Sarringar

Others Present: Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board

Call to Order by Interim Chairperson Schmit at 2:02 pm.

The Board welcomed Tom Callaway to the Board and to his first meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Kittay wanted to add a contract approval for Terra Cotta with Al Sage. Fink 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. Van Cleave moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: Fink asked what has happened with Lewie's Saloon Case. Kittay explained that it had been turned over to the DENR Enforcement person Tammi Hill, and she was working with the system.

Reciprocity: Harley Jacobs holds a Class II WW certificate from North Dakota and is now working for Sturgis. North Dakota's OpCert Program is very similar to SD's. The requirements for this certificate are three years of experience plus high school graduation. This closely mirrors the SD Class II certificate. Fink moved to grant a SD Class II WW certificate. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Final Hearings: McIntosh (SWT)-The new operator (Dale Baumeister) just passed the Class I Water Distribution exam on April 6; however, McIntosh is still lacking the SWT certificate. They have been out of compliance since July 2, 2012. Van Cleave moved to hold a final hearing. Lesselyoung seconded. Kittay explained process the Board uses to Callaway. Van Cleave moved to reconsider as a final hearing had been held already. Schmit seconded. Motion passed. Van Cleave moved to have DENR start enforcement action on September 1, 2014. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Preliminary Hearings: Fruitdale-At the last Board meeting, a contract for Fruitdale was approved pending a couple changes to include weekly visits by the contract operator. An amended contract was never submitted so the town is still out of compliance. Fink moved to hold a final hearing in September 2014. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

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

Blunt/Mid-Dakota RWS-Van Cleave moved to approve the contract pending an edit specifically stating there would be weekly visits. Callaway seconded. Motion passed.

Canyon Springs Preserve/Ed Striebel-Callaway moved to approve the contract pending an edit specifically stating there would be weekly visits. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Terra Cotta/Al Sage-Van Cleave moved to approve the contract. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Status of Certification: The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators. Fink moved to schedule preliminary hearings in September 2014 for the following systems-

System	Certificates	Comment
Alpena	WW I/WD I	
Bicentennial TC	SWT I/WD I	Lack of contact hours
Edgemont	WW I/WWC I	
Fairburn Water	WD I	
Florence	WD I	
Grassland Colony	WD I	Needs to renew
Huron Colony	SWT I	
Kamp Kinship	SWT I	Needs to renew
Lake Preston	WD I/WW I/WWC I	
Lakeside Water Users	SWT I/WD I	Lack of contact hours
Letcher	WD I	Lack of contact hours
Mobridge	WW III	
Newdale Colony	SWT I	
Oelrichs	WD I	Lack of contact hours
Peaceful Pines	WD I	Lack of contact hours
Ramona	SWT I/WD I	Lack of contact hours
Selby	WW I	
Seneca	WD I	Lack of contact hours
Shamrock Colony	WD I	
Trout Haven	SWT I	
Twin Brooks	SWT I/WD I	Lack of contact hours
Veblen	WD I/WW I/WWC I	
Wolf Creek School	SWT I	

Lesselyoung seconded. Motion Passed.

Other Business-The Board discussed the passing rate for exams. Kittay noted it was around 50% and had been so for years including before and after the use of ABC exams. The passing rate was a concern; however, the exams should not be changed just to raise or lower the passing rate. The exams test over a certain body of knowledge that is necessary to perform the functions of a certified operating specialist. SDARWS has been given the “need to know” to use for their classes.

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be on September 16 in Watertown just prior to the SDWWA Conference.

Fink moved for adjournment. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.

Rob Kittay

May 21, 2014

Rob Kittay

Date