

Approved Minutes  
Operator Certification Board Meeting  
March 18, 2002  
Brookings Inn

Members Present: Del DeBoer, Greg Merrigan, Clint Jost, John Scheltens, Jim Zeck, Tom Lesselyoung

Member Absent:

Others Present: Rob Kittay, Secretary to the Board; Jason Pease, Worthing; Randy Hilding, DENR; and Diane Wientjes, South Shore.

Call to Order by Chairperson Merrigan at 2:11 pm.

Election of Chairperson: Each spring the Board elects a chairperson. Merrigan turned meeting over to Kittay to conduct election. Merrigan nominated Zeck. Jost moved that nominations cease. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed. Zeck was elected as chairperson.

Approval of Agenda: Scheltens moved to approve the agenda. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September meeting were distributed on the web and thru email. Lesselyoung moved to approve the minutes. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Reciprocity Case: Tim Amodeo-Tim has a Class IV from New Mexico. Kittay reviewed the NM requirements for this certificate. It should be noted that no DRC is required for this certificate. Kittay recommended that a SD WW Class II certificate be granted. DeBoer moved that the Class II certificate be granted. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

### Hearings

Worthing-Jason Pease was present to represent Worthing. He had applied to city to take WWC I in February but the application had not been mailed by MFO. He had been previously granted three certificates; however, these had not been renewed for 2002. Pease indicated that these three certificates will be renewed by next week. He spoke of the fact that quite a bit of work to improve W/WW system and that town elections are going on. He works full time at hospital in SF. Kittay reviewed exam schedule. Pease said that he would take the WWC I exam at May 14 exam session in SF. Merrigan moved to continue this informal hearing to next meeting in September. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

South Shore-Diane Wientjes was here to represent South Shore. She indicated that she would resign if another person would take over duties. There is another employee of the city. Wientjes attended training in Aberdeen. Grant-Roberts RWS may contract to run system in one manner or another. There are not very many hours involved in running South Shore's system. Merrigan moved to continue this hearing to the September meeting. Jost seconded. Scheltens suggested that in view that September hearing is six months away, there is plenty of time for action by South Shore to have their operator pass the WT I exam. Merrigan and Jost withdrew the motion and second. Scheltens moved to hold a formal hearing in September. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Lakeside Estates-Aberdeen-Kittay reviewed the circumstances for this system. They are lacking four certificates and have taken no exams. There was no contact with this system until they called in last Friday. Jim Smith, W/WW Manager, indicated that he is poor in math and may need help in that area. He was referred to SDARWS. DeBoer moved to recommend to DENR that this case be given to AG for enforcement. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Atlantic Mountain Ranch, Bicentennial Trailer Court, Nemo Guest Ranch, Valley Motel-Kittay reviewed the situation with these systems. Atlantic Mountain Ranch, Bicentennial, and Nemo Guest Ranch have submitted applications to take exams in Lead. Valley Motel will either take exam again in Lead on April 18 or look to contract water system out to a certified operator. They are all lacking a Class I Water Treatment/Small Water Treatment system operator. Scheltens moved for formal hearings in September. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Wickiup Village-There were new owners as of November 2001. Kittay indicated that the enforcement process generally starts over when there is a change in ownership. DeBoer was inclined to continue action to September. DeBoer moved for continue this hearing to September. Scheltens seconded. There was more discussion concerning systems that are sold. Motion passed.

Waubay-Kittay reviewed the Waubay situation. Bob Wagers passed WT I exam on March 13, 2002 and a Class I WW certificate is still lacking. Scheltens moved to continue this hearing to September. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Scott Simanier Request to Take Class III Exam: Scott Simanier is requesting that some prior work experience be substituted for actual W/WW experience. Kittay reviewed qualifications for Class III exams. It appears that the factor that will hold Scott from taking a Class III exam is his DRC-Not his work experience. Merrigan moved to deny the Class III exam application due to lack of DRC. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed with Scheltens abstaining.

Pierre Operators Requesting Credit for DRC: Dave Gunderson and Dave Mackey would like to be credited with DRC for their present jobs in Pierre. The Board reviewed their submitted materials. Their supervisor, Fred Snoderly, also submitted a letter. Lesselyoung moved that based on the information provided that neither were getting DRC in their jobs. Jost seconded. Motion passed

University Estates Contract Review: Kittay presented a contract for operation of University Estates-Brookings Water System. "Water Treatment" needs to be changed to "Water Distribution". Scheltens moved for approval. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

David Martin Request: David Martin of Rapid City requested that because of a medical disability that he be allowed to keep his certificate. DeBoer moved to allow him to keep his certificate until February 1, 2003 if Joe Nadenicek believes it is legal. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Status of Certification: The Board discussed a number of systems that should be moved into the enforcement schedule. Merrigan moved that the following systems have an informal hearing in September:

Systems Not Applying for Restricted Certificates

|                              |                      |                         |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Bancroft                     | Belvidere            | Brentwood Colony        |
| Country Club Property Owners | Country Village Park | High Meadows Ranchettes |
| Lakeside Water Users         | Pearl Creek Colony   | Ponderosa Subdivision   |

Tolstoy  
Wolsey

Twin Brooks  
Wood

Wentworth

Systems Affected by 2000 Census Population Change

Elk Point  
Wagner

Humboldt

Colman

Other Systems

Arlington  
Corson Sanitary District  
Trout Haven

Chamberlain  
Mina Lake Sanitary District  
Valley View-Sioux Falls

Colton  
Parkston

DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business: Kittay spoke of some letters that were sent to the Board. One concerned a water system that had an operator receive a "grandfathered" certificate and now that person will not attend training to be able to renew that certificate. Other letters spoke of WEB RWS operators not being eligible for Class III exams.

Merrigan also mentioned that an operator was referred to SDARWS for one-on-one training. It is up to SDARWS to decide if they want to offer this as the DENR contract for that purpose was ended.

Next Meeting: DeBoer moved that the next meeting be held at the Huron Crossroads on September 10 at 2:00 pm. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

DeBoer moved for adjournment. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.



April 23, 2002

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Rob Kittay

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Date