

Approved Minutes  
Operator Certification Board Meeting  
September 10, 2002  
Huron Crossroads Inn

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

Member Absent: John Scheltens

Others Present: Rob Kittay, Secretary to the Board; Randy Hilding, DENR; Jan Frederick-Kittay, Mni Wiconi RWS; Lanny Bisson, Trout Haven; Dave Hoffman, Parkston; George Vansco, SDARWS; Dennis Davis, SDARWS; and Jerry Hemeyer, SDARWS.

Call to Order by Chairperson Zeck at 2:05 pm.

The Board introduced themselves to those present.

Merrigan entered meeting at 2:07.

Approval of Agenda: DeBoer moved to approve the agenda. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

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

Chairperson Zeck indicated that the Board would handle agenda items at this time for persons appearing before the Board.

Credit for Operator Experience Prior to Plant Start-up: Jan Frederick-Kittay from Mni Wiconi RWS would like to have prior to plant pumping be credited to her water treatment operating experience. The Board had previously decided that operators at new plants would have experience start when the plant started pumping water. She read thru a list of job duties that had been done prior to the plant starting to pump water. She was asking for credit to be given for August 2001-November 2001 towards Class IV eligibility. DeBoer moved to give her credit for these four months. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Trout Haven-Lanny Bisson from Trout Haven represented his system. He indicated that a hired man would be running the system next year and taking the exam. He did not understand why he had to have a certified operator. It was explained that a chlorination law required certification since 1993. The system is now presently closed for the winter. Merrigan moved to continue hearing to next meeting. Jost seconded. Motion passed. Kittay will mail OpCert application.

Parkston-Dave Hoffman-Mayor represented Parkston. Mike Wolf was hired two years ago. Parkston has another operator that also works in the utilities. The Board asked about one-on-one training from SDARWS. Wolf has only attempted one exam in two years. DeBoer moved to have a formal hearing at next meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Kittay explained what a formal hearing was to Mayor Hoffman. Motion passed.

This concluded business for persons appearing before the Board.

Reciprocity Cases: Arthur Betker-Has Class C WW certificate from MN. Kittay recommended that a South Dakota Class II WW be issued based on a comparison of the requirements for each certificate. DeBoer moved to issue the certificate as recommended by Kittay. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Daniel Manitz-Has Class C WW and WT certificates from MN. Kittay recommended that South Dakota Class II WW and WT certificates be issued based on a comparison of the requirements for each certificate. DeBoer moved to issue the certificate as recommended by Kittay. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Eric Henriksen-Has Class I WW and WT and Class II WD certificates from IA. Kittay recommended that South Dakota Class I WW and WT and Class II WD certificates be issued based on a comparison of the requirements for each certificate. Merrigan moved to issue the certificates as recommended by Kittay. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

James Summers-Has Class D WT certificate from MN. Kittay recommended that a South Dakota Class I WT be issued based on a comparison of the requirements for each certificate. Lesselyoung moved to issue the certificate as recommended by Kittay. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Informal Enforcement Hearings: Bancroft, Country Club Property Owners @ Belle Fourche, Country Village Park @ Aberdeen, High Meadows Ranchettes @ Rapid City, Twin Brooks, and Wolsey-Vansco indicated that SDARWS had contacted each of these systems. Letters have been sent to each specifying that certification was lacking. DeBoer moved to hold a formal hearing for each of these systems at the next Board meeting. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Humboldt-The City lacks a WW I certificate. Humboldt's population went over 500 in the 2000 Census. Lesselyoung moved to continue this hearing to the next meeting. Jost seconded. Motion failed on 3-2 roll call vote. DeBoer moved to hold a formal hearing at the next Board meeting. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Colman-The City is currently lacking a WWC I. Don Bennett just passed the SP I exam. Merrigan moved to continue this informal hearing to the next Board meeting. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Colton-The City is currently lacking WT I and WW I certificates. Colton will be hooking up to rural water by December thereby negating the need for the WTI certificate. Jon Randby has passed two exams. DeBoer moved to continue this informal hearing to the next Board meeting. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Corson Sanitary District-CSD is lacking WD I and WT I certificates. Tim Karli is to take an exam on September 19. DeBoer moved to hold a formal hearing at the next Board meeting. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Mina Lake Sanitary District-Jeff Goldade has passed the WD I and WWC I exams. A WW I certificate is still lacking. Jost moved to continue this informal hearing to the next Board meeting. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Valley View of Sioux Falls-This system lacks a SWT and WD operator. A restricted WD certificate had been issued; however, training had never been attended and the certificate was suspended on

February 1, 2002. DeBoer moved to hold a formal hearing at the next Board meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Contract Review: Wentworth and Jeff Carruthers-DeBoer moved to approve this contract. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Powder House Lodge and Bob Powles-Zeck read contract to the Board. Merrigan made some comments about the amount of work done by owner and not by the certified operator. Merrigan moved not to approve this contract due to the amount of maintenance and operational duties to be performed by the owner. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Five Water Systems and Al Sage-Kittay had previously reviewed a blank contract before Sage had contracted with any systems. Contracting information developed by the Board had also been supplied. DeBoer moved for approval of all of Sage's contracts. Merrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Seneca: Kittay explained that Seneca's mayor applied for a grandfathered water distribution certificate when, in actuality, he does not work for the water system. The Board examined the application. Zeck indicated that the grandfathering window is now closed. Merrigan moved to rectify the mistake, if possible, upon consultation with DENR and grant a certificate to Jim Bitzer, Seneca's water superintendent. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed with Zeck voting nay.

New Systems for Enforcement: The board examined materials indicating the present certification status of water and wastewater systems. Merrigan moved that the following systems be scheduled for an informal hearing at the next Board meeting:

Systems having "restricted" certificates that were not renewed-

Claremont	Davis	Florence
Frederick	Gayville	Geddes
Glenham	Henry	Hillcrest Colony
Hurley	Lakeview Colony	Lantern Estates
Loving Care Group Home	Monroe	Peever
Pukwana	Raymond	Roslyn
Stratford	Summit	Timberland Park-Yankton
Valley View-Sioux Falls	Veblen	Warner Sanitary District
Wilhelm Court	Clover Leaf Coop	

Systems without certified operator for substantial length of time-

Boulder Canyon CC	Flying J/Conoco-RC	Harney Camp
Hayloft	Pactola Water Association	Slash J Bar and Grill
St Onge Livestock Café	Terry Peak	Wickiup Village

Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business: Vansco asked when the new exams would be used. Kittay indicated that the Board was still reviewing ABC exams.

Next Meeting: Merrigan moved that the next meeting be held at the Pierre Ramkota on March 31, 2003 at 2:00 pm. Jost seconded. Motion passed. This will be just prior to the SDWWA Wastewater Seminar.

DeBoer moved for adjournment. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.



September 24, 2002

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Rob Kittay

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