

**Approved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
September 15, 2009
Holiday Inn-Spearfish**

Members Present: Del DeBoer, Clint Jost, Tom Lesselyoung, Bill Sarringar, Tim McGannon, Pete Hesla

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Rob Kittay, Secretary to the Board; George Vansco, SDARWS; and John Scheltens

Call to Order by Chairperson DeBoer at 2:09 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Lesselyoung moved to approve the agenda. Hesla seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting had been sent and were posted to web. Hesla moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: There was no old business.

Reciprocity: Robert Alberts-Has Class A Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment certificates from Colorado. Hesla commented that the Class A exam in Colorado was hardest exam he had ever taken. Hesla moved to grant Class II Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment as per Kittay's recommendation as that is where the Colorado education/experience requirements matched South Dakota's. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Lisa Vollbrecht-Holds a Class A Water Treatment certificate from Minnesota. Upon comparison with SD's qualifications, this certificate most closely matches SD's Class IV. Sarringar moved to grant a Class IV Water Treatment. McGannon seconded. Motion passed.

Dale Williams-Holds a Class W2 Water Distribution, a Class T2 Water Treatment, and a C1 Wastewater Collection certificates from New Jersey. McGannon moved that South Dakota Water Distribution Class II, Water Treatment Class II, and Wastewater Collection Class I certificates be granted. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Formal Hearings: Conde-A contract with Dave Moeller was submitted to take care of the Water Distribution I deficiency at Conde. DeBoer moved to approve the contract. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed with Lesselyoung abstaining.

Informal Hearings: Baltic-Baltic is lacking a Class I Water Distribution and Class I Wastewater Collection operator. Ken Johnson has passed the Stabilization Pond exam. A contract with Ryan Fods of Colton was submitted. Hesla moved to approve the contract. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Bowdle-Bowdle is lacking a Class I Water Distribution, Wastewater Treatment, and Wastewater Collection operator. A contract with Eric Stuwe of Hoven was submitted. McGannon asked if all

contracts were with individuals rather than systems. Both types have been submitted and approved. Lesselyoung moved to approve the contract. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Contracts: Lantern Estates @ Spearfish-A contract with Pat Hasson was submitted to fill their Class I Water Distribution deficiency. Vansco had discussions with the system in the past. Jost moved to approve the contract. McGannon seconded. Motion passed.

Pukwana-A contract with Chamberlain had been submitted for the Class I Water Distribution vacancy. McGannon moved for approval. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Mina Lake Sanitary District-Two contracts with Municipal Management were submitted. Kittay noted a few discrepancies in the contract that the Board requires. These were the fact that the total hours per month were noted; however, there was no mention of weekly visits. Also there was no reference to WW Collection on the front page of contract. Hesla noted that consistency is needed in decisions. Hesla moved to approve the WW contract with the changes noted. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Mina Lake also submitted a contract with Municipal Management for their Water Distribution deficiency. DeBoer moved to approve with changes. Hesla seconded. Motion passed.

Lakeside Estates @ Aberdeen-No contract had been submitted.

Coffee Cup @ Summit-A contract with the Town of Summit was submitted for the Small Water Treatment System that was needed for the convenience store. The Board felt the contract met its standards. Jost moved to approve. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Mellette-A contract with Dave Moeller was submitted for the Water Distribution requirement. Hesla Moved to approve. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed with Lesselyoung abstaining.

Status of Certification: The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators. Lesselyoung moved to schedule informal hearings at the next Board meeting for the following systems-

Ipswich	WWC I
Mount Rushmore KOA	SWT I
Northern Lights	WD I
Shamrock Colony	WD I
United Land Management-Pringle	WD I
Whitewood	WWC I

Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Reading of Exams-Kittay has received a possible inquiry from an operator who cannot read to have an exam read to him. He does not have dyslexia. The Board had previously ruled that exams will be read only to operators with dyslexia. Kittay inquired about reading exams to anyone who is shown by a professional to not be able to read. Further research is needed and the Board asked that the following questions be answered-

Are we required to read exam for anybody that cannot read?

At what reading level do we draw the line?
Are we discriminating against non-reader vs someone that has dyslexia?
Is there any liability for the Board by certifying an individual that cannot read?
At what reading level are the ABC exams written?

Contact Hours-Kittay wanted to discuss what qualifies as contact hours. With the new contact hour requirement, there had been many inquiries as to what may apply. DeBoer suggested that the "need to know" could be a guideline. It was discussed as to the purpose of contact hours which is further education to perform job. The concensus was that as long as the class was related to a job it could qualify. Vansco spoke about awarding hrs for manufacturers' display time at conferences. It was also mentioned about attending meetings such as AWWA Section meetings. No motions were forthcoming.

Other Business-There was none forthcoming.

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be stand alone meeting in Pierre during April 2010. Kittay will set up the meeting.

Hesla moved for adjournment. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.



September 29, 2009

Rob Kittay

Date