

**Approved Minutes  
Operator Certification Board Meeting  
April 17, 2012  
Matthew Center-Pierre**

**Members Present:** Del DeBoer, Clint Jost, Tom Lesselyoung, Bill Sarringar, Tim McGannon, Dave VanCleave

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board, Chris Schmit-SDSU, Larry Livingston-Fairburn Water, Ray Ecoffey-Mni Wiconi RWS

Call to Order by Chairperson DeBoer at 11:10 am.

**Approval of Agenda:** Kittay wanted to add a contract approval for Edgemont that had been received on April 16, 2012. Kittay also questioned whether the Board wanted to elect a new chairperson at this meeting or wait until the next meeting when Schmit would be seated as a new Board member. DeBoer wanted to move up the agenda items for those appearing before the Board today. Van Cleave moved to approve the amended agenda. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

**Election of Chairperson:** Sarringar moved to defer the election to the next meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes had been emailed previously to the Board members and had been available on the internet. McGannon moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**Operator Requesting Reinstatement of Certificates:** Ray Ecoffey from Mni Wiconi RWS had his certificates deleted on February 1, 2008 as he had been out of the water/WW business for two renewal periods. February 1, 2008 would have been his third renewal while still not in the field. He had been sent letters dated September 20, 2007 and February 12, 2008 warning and notifying him of this action. He would like his certificates reinstated based on item #17 in the Operator Certification information packet. Ecoffey explained his work history and his reasoning for his request. Van Cleave questioned the contact hour issue. Kittay explained that Ecoffey would have lost his certificates on February 1, 2011 due to lack of contact hours. He would have also lost them due to lack of renewal payment on February 1, 2010. McGannon moved to reissue Ecoffey's WT and WD certificates after he has fulfilled the contact hour requirement and paid his past dues. DeBoer seconded. Ecoffey agreed to do what was asked of him in the motion. More discussion ensued. McGannon called the question. Ecoffey summarized his work history. Roll call vote: Jost-No, Lesselyoung-No, McGannon-Yes, VanCleave-No, DeBoer-Abstain, and Sarringar-Yes. Motion defeated.

McGannon asked if Ecoffey could take the Class WT III exam. Kittay said he had already taken it a month ago and did not pass. He can take any exam he is qualified for.

Ecoffey applied to take the Class IV WT exam; however, Kittay denied the application on the basis that Ecoffey did not have four years of work experience at a Class III or higher water treatment plant. DeBoer said that he feels experience while plant is being constructed is applicable experience. Van Cleave moved to allow the work experience prior to the Mni Wiconi start-up be counted as Class III or higher experience. Sarringar seconded. It was clarified that this is for this case only and not a blanket statement for all operators and all plants/systems. Motion passed.

**System Requesting Variance from Contract Operator Requirements:** Larry Livingston was present representing the Fairburn Water Association. He was requesting a variance from the requirement that a contract operator must be on-site at least weekly. He explained his system setup. Kittay obtained additional information. Hermosa WUA uses hypochlorites and has a certified WD and WT operator. Lesselyoung moved to deny any variance from the contract operator requirements. McGannon seconded. Motion passed.

Livingston asked how many samples are required. One micro sample per month is required.

**Reciprocity:** Victor Limacher (Class 4 WW from Hawaii)-Kittay noted that he had been trying since November 2011 to get info from Hawaii on this case with no success. The Board wanted to proceed with it information from the Hawaii OpCert web site. McGannon moved to grant a South Dakota Class II WW certificate. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Joseph Egler (Class 1 WW from Illinois)-Class 1 is the highest certificate in Illinois; however, there is no requirement for experience at a particular size system to get this certificate. Jost moved to issue a South Dakota Class II WW certificate. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Greg Stack-He withdrew his reciprocity requests as after a preliminary review by Kittay, it appeared that he would receive lower certificates from South Dakota than he desired. He will take exams in the future.

Michael Sale (Class D WW from Minnesota)-The Class D in Minnesota is very similar to the South Dakota Class I. DeBoer moved to issue a South Dakota Class I WW certificate. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Brandon Schell (Class 1 WD and WW from Washington)-These certificates are very similar to the South Dakota Class I. Sarringar moved to issue a South Dakota Class I WW and WD certificates. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Fred Snoderly (Class 4 WD from Idaho)-The Class 4 in Idaho is very similar to the South Dakota Class IV. Van Cleave moved to issue a South Dakota Class IV WD certificate. McGannon seconded. Motion passed.

**Final Hearings:** Maxwell Colony (Lacking WD I)-Paul Wipf has now had his certificate deleted as his two year grace period for contact hours expired on February 1, 2012. No-one else from the colony has attempted an exam. They have been lacking a certified Class I WD operator since February 1, 2010. Sarringar moved the DENR pursue enforcement on this case. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

**Preliminary Hearings:** Mansfield Water (Lacking WD I)-The operators for the system have had their certificates suspended for lack of contact hours. Kittay has spoken to Venus Donley who is

president of the system. Mansfield may change their connection to WEB RWS over to individual hookups so that there are all individual customers of WEB this summer. In this case, Mansfield would cease to exist as a water system, and no operator certification is required. Jost moved to hold a final hearing at the next Board meeting if Mansfield is still a regulated PWS. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Westport (Lacking WD I)-Has submitted a contact for approval that will be handled under "Contracts".

**Contracts:**

Westport (Water District Maintenance-WD I)-This contract was amended prior to the meeting. McGannon moved to approve. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Piedmont (Bob Powles-WD I)-DeBoer moved to approve as presented. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Egan (Big Sioux RWS-WD I)-Van Cleave moved to approve with caveat that a weekly visit be specifically noted in contract. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Colonial Pine Hills (Mike Riker-WT I/WD I)-McGannon moved to approve as presented. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Trail West Sanitary District (Ed Striebel-WT I/WD I)-Sarringar moved to approve as presented. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Mina Lake/Prairiewood/Pleasant Valley (Water District Maintenance-WD I for all three systems and WW I/WWC I for Mina Lake also)-Jost moved to approve as presented. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Stratford (Water District Maintenance-WD I)-Sarringar moved to approve with caveat that a weekly visit be specifically noted in contract. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Edgemont (Brian Besco-WD I)-Edgemont will still be lacking WW I, WWC I, and WT I. Besco has a SWT I but that certificate is valid only for groundwater systems serving less than 500 people. Edgemont is about 750 people. Jost moved to approve contract for WD I certificate. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

**Status of Certification**-The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators. Riverside TC had submitted their renewal fee on April 16, 2012 and should be deleted from list. DeBoer moved to schedule informal hearings at the next Board meeting for the following systems.

<b>System</b>	<b>Lacking Certificate(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Brentwood Colony	WD I	No renewal for 2012-Contact hours
Colome	SWT I	
Cottonwood Grove	WD I	No renewal for 2012-Contact hours
Country Village-N	SWT I/WD I	
Country Village-S	SWT I/WD I	

Creative Kids Too	WD I	
Crooked Creek Cmpgrd-New	SWT I	No renewal for 2012-Contact hours
Crooked Creek Cmpgrd-Old	SWT I	No renewal for 2012-Contact hours
Edgemont	WT I/WW I/WWC I	
Morristown	SWT I/WD I	No renewal for 2012-Contact hours
Piedmont Pre-School	WD I	Should be hooked up to Piedmont
Ray Smith-High Country	SWT I	No renewal for 2012-Contact hours
Spencer	WD I	

Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

**Other Business**-Kittay noted that a single crib sheet provided by SDARWS is now being used for all exams/classes. There were only six equations that were different between the previous WW and water ABC crib sheets.

The Board members discussed that they need to be noncommittal when speaking to persons that will be bringing cases before the Board.

Reappointment of Board members-Kittay inquired of Jost, Sarringar, and Lesselyoung as to their desires to be reappointed to Board for another three-year term. Jost indicated that he will be retiring in early 2013 but wanted to remain on Board thru the next meeting. Sarringar and Lesselyoung indicated that they wanted to remain on the Board.

This is DeBoer's last meeting as part of the Board. His first meeting on the Board was March 19, 1991 after Dr James Dornbush retired. He served as chairperson for numerous years. The Board members thanked him for his service on the Board.

**Next Meeting**-The next meeting will be on September 11, 2012 2:00 pm at the RC Ramkota prior to the SDWWA Conference.

Sarringar moved for adjournment. McGannon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

*Rob Kittay*

April 24, 2012

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