

**Approved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
September 11, 2012
Ramkota Inn-Rapid City**

Members Present: Clint Jost, Tom Lesselyoung, Bill Sarringar, Chris Schmit

Members Absent: Tim McGannon, Dave VanCleave

Others Present: Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board; Rod Senger-Timber Lake; Mike Lunde-Sioux Falls; Mayor Jim Turner-Edgemont; George Vansco/Jim Zeck, SDARWS; and Mark Mayer-DENR.

Call to Order by Interim Chairperson Sarringar at 2:00 pm.

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

Election of Chairperson: Jost nominated Sarringar. Schmit seconded. There were no other nominations. Sarringar elected as chairperson.

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

Old Business: There was no old business.

Preliminary Hearing: Edgemont (WT I/WW I)-The City hired Brian Besco under a contract for WD I. Toby Hanes passed the WWC I exam recently. Mayor Jim Turner appeared for the City. He handed out a timeline on their efforts and explained what the city was doing. Schmit moved to leave Edgemont at the preliminary hearing stage. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

System Requesting Variance from Contract Operator Requirements: In an effort to not come to Rapid City, Stratford requested to be on the agenda via a conference call. The call was made to Vern Prickett (605-395-7144). Stratford wants to go to monthly visits in an effort to save money and lack of job tasks for contract operator to do. Some efforts to have board members become certified has been made. This same subject had been discussed with another system at the last board meeting. No motion was forthcoming.

Reciprocity: Paul Dhoore (Class D WW & WT from Minnesota)-Class D certificates from MN are very similar to SD Class I's. Schmit moved to grant SD Class I WW and WT certificates. Sarringar seconded. Motion passed.

Brent Kolding (Class 02 WW from North Dakota)-Class 02 certificates are very similar to SD Class II certificates. Lesselyoung moved to grant SD Class II WW certificate. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

Final Hearing: Mansfield (Lacking WD I)-The operators for the system have had their certificates suspended for lack of contact hours. Mansfield is in the process of hooking up to WEB RWS on an individual basis eliminating the PWS and need for opcert requirements. No motion forthcoming

Preliminary Hearings: Country Village North/South (SWT/WD I)-These are two trailer courts near Rapid City. Bob Powles does sampling for them but is not under a contract nor is an employee. Schmit moved to hold a final hearing at the next Board meeting. Jost seconded. Motion passed.

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

System	Lacking Certifications
Camp Rimrock	SWT I
Fort Welikit	SWT I
Heartland Campground	SWT I
Lake Preston	WD I /WW I /WWC I
Lewie's Eatery	SWT I
Pelican Plaza	WD I
Ponderosa MHC	WD I
Slash J/Sawtooth Saloon	SWT I
Veblen	WW I

Schmit seconded. An inquiry was made about Slash J. Kittay noted that they should be hooking up to Piedmont very soon and will no longer be a regulated water system. Motion passed.

Other Business-Mark Mayer appeared for DENR. The department is preparing for the 2013 Legislative Session. They are in the process of eliminating outdated regulations/statutes as part of the Better Government Initiative. This was just to notify the Board that some of the statutes to be eliminated dealt with operator certification and were no longer needed.

Jost will be retiring from the Board after the next meeting. Kittay asked if a successor could be found now so that the new board member could attend the next meeting to get familiar with the Board. Jost said OK.

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be a stand-alone meeting in Pierre. Kittay will investigate some dates and notify the Board.

Schmit moved for adjournment. Jost seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.



September 17, 2012

Rob Kittay

Date