

**Unapproved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
September 12, 2017
Crossroads/Events Center-Huron**

Members Present: Dan Fink, Chris Schmit, Dave VanCleave, Bill Sarringar, Ryan Allen, Robin Bobzien

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Rob Kittay-Secretary to the Board, Becky Brunsing-Wagner, and Jim Zeck-SDARWS

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

Approval of Agenda: An agenda had been sent previously. The Board moved Wagner up in the agenda to after the approval of the minutes. Schmidt moved to approve the amended agenda. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

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

Preliminary Hearing: Wagner-The City is lacking a Class II Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection certificate as well as a Class I Wastewater Treatment certificate. Mike Kazena has passed the Class I WD certificate. He has failed the Class II WD exam three times-April 13, 2017-55%, May 18, 2017-60%, and August 10, 2017-52%. He has failed the Class I Stabilization Pond exam twice-May 18, 2017-62% and August 10, 2017-66%. Becky Brunsing represented Wagner. She explained a few issues at Wagner. Kazena is going to attempt to apply to take some exams thru oral because of some medical issues. Fink moved to table the issue until April 2018. Van Cleave seconded. Van Cleave mentioned contract option. Motion passed.

Old Business: There was none forthcoming.

Reciprocity: Tim Melovek-He holds a Colorado Class "A" Water Operator certificate. The Board had just dealt with an identical reciprocity case at its last meeting. This certificate compares with a South Dakota Class II Water Treatment certificate in that it requires a high school education and four years of work experience. Schmit moved to grant a Class II WT certificate. Bozien seconded. Motion passed.

Final Hearings: Nisland-The town is still lacking the required Class I Water Distribution certificate. Joe Hindman has failed the exam twice with scores of 56% on May 31, 2017 and 67% on July 6, 2017. Van Cleave moved to recommend that DENR pursue enforcement. Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Java-The Town requires a Class I Water Distribution certificate as it is served by WEB RWS. Jerrad Quenomoen has attempted the exam twice-50% on January 12, 2017 and 65% on August 10, 2017. He then quit on August 11 without knowing the exam result. He also told Jim Zeck before he took the exam that he was going to quit. The Town did submit a letter to the Board which was

presented. Kittay has suggested to Java and Selby to work together on the certification issue as they are only a few miles apart. Schmit moved that DENR pursue enforcement. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

New Effington-The Town needs a Class I Water Distribution certificate as it is served by BDM RWS. Jake Magnuson has attempted the exam twice-53% on August 11, 2016 and 39% on July 13, 2017. Robin Thoreson was present for the hearing via cell phone. She spoke about a few issues with the town. Fink moved to table the hearing until the next Board meeting. Bobzien seconded. Motion failed with a voice vote of-

Ayes-Van Cleave, Fink, Bobzien
Nays-Sarringar, Allen, Schmit

Fink moved that DENR pursue enforcement. Schmit seconded. Motion passed. The enforcement process was explained to New Effington.

Selby-The City needs four certificates-Water Treatment, Water Distribution, Wastewater Treatment, and Wastewater Collection-All Class I's. Xavier Perman attempted three exams-Class I WW 42% and Class I WWC 50% on June 28, 2016 and Class I WWC 67% on August 31, 2017. Bobzien moved that DENR pursue enforcement. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Preliminary Hearings: Canova-The Town is lacking a Class I Water Distribution certificate. Dave Esser passed the SWT I on August 10, 2017. He has failed the Class I WD exam on March 2, 2017 52% and August 10, 2017 62%. He was also a "no-show" for exam in Sioux Falls on April 27, 2017.

Chancellor-The Town has been lacking a Class I Water Distribution certificate since at least April 22, 2016. No exams have been attempted.

Huttenville Colony- The colony is lacking a Class I Water Distribution certificate. Tom Waldner Sr has failed the exam on numerous occasions with scores ranging from 54%-62%. Tom Waldner Jr has failed the exam twice.

Ree Heights-Delton Beck was not able to renew his Class I Water Distribution certificate for 2017 for lack of contact hours. The Town may be changing water superintendents. Sarringar stated that Mid-Dakota RWS may take over Ree Heights on an individual basis, and the town would be out of the water business.

Rushmore Tramway-Mark Fullerton was not able to renew his Class I Water Distribution certificate for 2017 for lack of contact hours.

Cedar Gulch I- The system has been lacking a Class I Water Distribution certificate since at least November 1, 2016. No exams have been attempted.

Centerville-The Town is now lacking a Class I Wastewater Treatment certificate. Cody Sikkink has passed the WD I and the WWC I. He failed the Stabilization Pond exam on May 18, 2017-56%.

Schmit moved that these systems have final hearings at the next Board Meeting. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Contract Approvals: Ken's Trailer Court/Dylan Striebel-This contract does not call for weekly on-site visits. Van Cleave moved to approve the contract with the caveat that the contract be resubmitted with weekly on-site visits. Bobzien seconded. Motion passed.

Medicine Mountain Camp/Ed Striebel-Schmit moved for approval. Fink seconded. Motion passed.

Alpena/Mid-Dakota RWS-Sarringar explained that Mike McCready is in charge of systems with contracts and that another person may be hired also. Schmit moved for approval. Allen seconded. Motion passed with Sarringar abstaining.

Oak Mountain/Ed Striebel-There is a line in the contract that reads "visit the site one time weekly, or as needed, to inspect treatment system, well pumps and/or storage tanks". This could be interpreted to have the on-site visits at less than weekly. Bobzien moved for approval with the caveat that the contract be resubmitted with "or as needed" removed. Van Cleave seconded. Motion passed.

Status of Certification: The Board reviewed the latest status information on systems without certified operators. Kittay updated the Board. Van Cleave moved that the following systems be scheduled for a preliminary hearing at the next Board meeting-

Ken's Trailer Court	WD I	If updated contract is not submitted
Lake Preston	WD I/WW I/WWC I	
Lewie's	SWT I	
Pactola Water Association	SWT I	
Storm Mountain Center	SWT I	

Schmit seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business-ABC is coming out with a new set of exams very quickly along with a new "Need to Know" (NTK). ABC has a webinar on September 20, 2017 to explain all the details. Kittay and Zeck are already registered, and the Board members were invited to do so. Kittay will be determining a date to start using the new exams and will be giving notice to operators about the new NTK. He will also coordinate with SDARWS as they do the training.

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be in conjunction with the SDWWA Wastewater Seminar in Pierre at the Matthew Center on April 10, 2018 2:00 pm.

Schmit moved for adjournment. Allen seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.



September 18, 2017

Rob Kittay

Date