

Approved Minutes
Operator Certification Board Meeting
September 12, 2000
Rapid City Ramkota

Members Present: Del DeBoer, John Scheltens, Cheryl Johnson, Tom Lesselyoung, Greg Merrigan

Member Absent: Rollin Sieveke

Others Present: Rob Kittay, Secretary to the Board; Fred Zoll and Dwight Wagner, The Niche; George Vansco and Malcolm MacDonald, SDARWS; Don Mitchell, Hawthorne Services/Ellsworth AFB; Randy Hilding, DENR; Jim Zeck, Sioux Falls; and Darryl Miller, Hidden Valley.

Merrigan served as acting-chairperson as Sieveke was absent.

Call to Order by Acting Chairperson Merrigan at 2:04 pm

Approval of Agenda: Scheltens moved to approve the agenda. Johnson seconded. Motion passed

DeBoer entered meeting at 2:08.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March meeting had been previously sent via e-mail and were available on the web. Scheltens moved for approval of the minutes with a change under "Other Business"-The Board does NOT have any control over training. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Reciprocity: Victor Huber-Only one response was received from four inquiries that Kittay sent out concerning his reciprocity request. The one response that was received concerned his Class III Wastewater Treatment certificate, and the particular certificate was no longer valid. No action was taken because of the lack of responses.

Formal Hearing: Country Village-N/S-Kittay summarized this case. No-one was present to represent system. DeBoer moved to turn this case over to Attorney General. Scheltens seconded. Motion passed

Informal Hearings: Canova-Kittay summarized the case. A letter was received from Bill Perrine, Utilities Manager. Kittay had given Perrine's name to Rural Water for some one-on-one training. Vansco also gave some comments. Scheltens moved to continue this case to the next meeting (date to be determined). Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed

Hidden Valley-Darryl Miller represented the system and indicated John Buehler will now be the operator. Greg Loab is president. Scheltens moved to go to a formal hearing. Johnson seconded. Vansco gave Miller a training brochure. Motion passed. Miller's address is 5436 Hidden Valley, Rapid City 57702.

Montrose-No-one represented system. Kittay summarized the case. Kittay has referred John Rieck to Rural Water for one-on-one training. DeBoer moved that a formal hearing be held at the next Board meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Onida-No-one represented the system. Kittay summarized the case. He attended a city council meeting in July. Scheltens moved to have formal hearing at next meeting. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Niche-Fred Zoll, Water Superintendent, and Dwight Wagner represented the system. Zoll applied for a grandfathered certificate. Kittay explained that this was for the distribution certificate and that a water treatment certificate had been needed for years. Zoll spoke about disconnecting the chlorinator. Contracting was also discussed. Kittay will send contractor names and application forms. Vansco spoke of exam dates. Don Mitchell said the retirees from Ellsworth AFB were interested in contracting. Scheltens moved to hold a formal hearing at next Board meeting. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed.

Regulation Changes: Kittay explained that a date for the rules change public hearing had been set by Steve Pirner and the public notice had been sent to numerous interested parties. Scheltens asked about attendance by the Board at the public hearing. Kittay said that it would be good to do so.

Scheltens also spoke about reimbursement for operators to attend training.

Training: Vansco summarized the upcoming training schedule. Merrigan asked about dollar amounts. Discussion then went to the one-on-one training. Kittay indicated that lots of systems do not attempt exams nor attend training and the operators are not recommended for training. Vansco will be deciding on whether to reapply for the SRF money for this program.

Stabilization Pond Need-to-Know (NTK): Kittay had previously sent out a draft NTK for the Stabilization Pond exam. The board reviewed Kittay's draft. DeBoer moved for approval. Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Status of Certification Program: The Board reviewed the list of systems currently out of compliance with certification. Kittay suggested a number of systems to start enforcement on. Scheltens moved that Camp Rimrock, Custer Mountain Campground, Margie's Dinner Club, Poinsett Colony, Rockerville Trading Post, Siouxland Store/Campground, Spokane Creek Resort, St. Onge Livestock Café, and Wickiup Village (New and Old) have informal enforcement hearings at the next board meeting. Lesselyoung seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business: DeBoer asked how systems would get informed about regulation changes when they were passed. Kittay indicated that he planned on a mailing to all systems.

Scheltens asked about septic haulers and drinking water haulers. Kittay indicated that that sewage had to be disposed of properly by anybody and that the drinking water haulers regulations had been sunseted years ago. Merrigan asked about the on-site wastewater installers program. Kittay indicated that Rich Hanson was in charge of that.

Next Meeting: The dates of the SDWWA Water Seminar are February 13-14 in Rapid City. The date/location of the Wastewater Seminar were not known. Kittay suggested a "stand alone" meeting in Pierre or Rapid City considering the systems that would be scheduled for hearings. Kittay and Sieveke will determine the date/location of next meeting.

Adjournment: Scheltens moved for adjournment. DeBoer seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Rob Kittay

Date