

# **WATER WELL STANDARDS & CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD MEETING**

**February 14, 2022**

**(Revised 4/28/22)**

Tonny Beck, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m. with roll call. The meeting was held at the Crown Plaza, 707 West Talmadge St- room Bronze #4, Kearney, NE. Copies of the agenda were emailed to board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The meeting was advertised on the Public Notice page of the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy's website. The Open Meetings Act was posted at the front entrance of the room.

## **Item 1. Roll Call**

PRESENT:           Tonny Beck                               Sue Lackey  
                          Cody Christensen                       Mike Thompson  
                          Sue Dempsey                               Lynn Webster  
                          Scott Grosch                               Brian Whitesel

ABSENT:       Dave Hansen

OTHERS:       Jason Orton, Lee Orton, Dan Egeland, Mark Graf, Dave Miesbach  
                          and Pam Miller.

## **Item 2. Adoption of Agenda**

Mr. Christensen requested to amend the agenda to include the consideration of the November 4, 2021 minutes and the addition of closed session to be added to all future agendas, with the amendment Mr. Christensen moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Dempsey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Christensen, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, and Webster. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

## **Item 3. Consideration of Minutes of Board Meeting – November 4, 2021**

Mr. Whitesel moved that the minutes be adopted. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. Voting yes: Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, Webster and Christensen. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

## **Item 4. Continuing Education Requests**

1-2021 MSECA Virtual Env. Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Midwestern States Env. Consultants Assoc. was held December 1, 2, 8, 9-2021; Stephen Varsa

Requests: 12 hrs.

Recommended: more information is needed

2-RPI Trap and Treat, Webinar, by Vista GeoScience, was held on February 2, 2021; Stephen Varsa

Requests: 1 hr. Recommended: 1 hr.

3-CWWCA Annual Conference, Westminster, CO, by Colorado Water Well Contractor's Assoc., was held on January 5-7, 2022, Josie Griffith Hall

Requests: 10 hrs. Recommended: 8 hrs.

4-Forensic Techniques-PFAS Sources, Webinar, by SERDP/ESTCP., was held on December 9, 2021; Scott Summerside

Requests: 1.5 hrs. Recommended: 1.5 hrs.

5-Water Programs Update, Wood River, NE, by Central Platte NRD, was held on February 8, 2022, Marcia Lee

Requests: 4 hrs. Recommended: 3 hrs.

6-Winter Training Class 2021, La Vista, NE, by Hydro Pump Co., was held on December 2, 2021; Andy Kettelhut

Requests: 6 hrs. Recommended: 6 hrs.

7-2021 MWCC Env. Conference, Osage Beach, MO, by Missouri Waste Control Coalition., was held on July 11-13, 2021; Stephen Varsa

Requests: 12 hrs. Recommended: .5 hr.

8- IWWA 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, West Des Moines, IA, by IWWA., was held on January 27-28, 2022; Josh Van Every

Requests: 10.5 hrs. Recommended: up to 8 hrs.

9-KGWA Convention, Mulvane, KS, by KGWA., was held on January 20-22, 2022; Josh Van Every and David Spooner

Requests: 18 hrs. Recommended: 10 course hrs. approved-6 hrs. per person

10-Flint and Walling Virtual Training, online courses, by Flint and Walling, ongoing, 2021; Dan Krasa

1. Flint and Walling History  
Requests: 1 hr. Recommended: 0
2. High Pressure Booster Pumps  
Requests: 1 hr. Recommended: 1 hr.
3. Irrigation /Above Ground Pumps (Part 1)  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
4. Irrigation /Above Ground Pumps (Part 11)

- Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
5. Irrigation /Above Ground Pumps (Part 111)  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  6. Irrigation/Submersible Pumps (Part 1)  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  7. Irrigation/Submersible Pumps (Part 11)  
Requests: 1 hr. Recommended: 1 hr.
  8. Irrigation Pumps 101  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  9. House Of Resistance  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 0
  10. Centrifugal Virtual Tear Down & Repair  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  11. City Water Pressure Booster Pumps  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  12. Floating Fountain Pond Pumps Systems  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 0
  13. Basic Water Systems  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  14. Everything About Jet Pumps  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  15. 4" Submersible Pump Ends  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  16. 4" Submersible Motors  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  17. How To Ohm Out A Submersible Motor  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  18. F&W Control Boxes  
Requests: 1 Hr. Recommended: 1 Hr.
  19. Why Wolf  
Requests: 1 hr. Recommended: 0

Total hrs. requested: 19 Recommended: 15 hrs.

11-NARD Legislative Conference, Lincoln, NE, by NARD, was held on January 26, 2022, Jennifer Swanson

Requests: 5 hrs. Recommended: 5 hrs.

12-1-4 Dioxane Characterization, webinar, by ITRC, was held on January 25, 2022; Roger Dinsmore

Requests: 2 hrs. Recommended: 2 hrs.

13-UNWNRD Water Education Meeting, Alliance, NE, by Upper Niobrara White NRD, will be held on February 22, 2022, Haley Anders

Requests: 4 hrs. Recommended: 4 hrs.

14-2022 Thein Well Company In-house Training, Spicer, MN, by Thein Well Company, will be held on February 22, 2022: Michael Thein

Requests: 4 hrs. Recommended: 4 hrs.

15-USGS Workshops, Webinars, by USGS NE Water Science Center, will be held on February 7, February 22, March 7, and March 21, 2022; Brenda Densmore

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| 1. Groundwater Flow-modeling                                 | Requests: 1 hr.         | Recommended: 1 hr.  |
| 2. Groundwater Tracers                                       | Requests: 1 hr.         | Recommended: 1 hr.  |
| 3. Water Data for the Nation                                 | Requests: 1 hr.         | Recommended: 1 hr.  |
| 4. Efforts to Characterize unfamiliar Chemicals in the Water |                         |                     |
|                                                              | Requests: 1 hr.         | Recommended: 1 hr.  |
|                                                              | Total Requested: 4 hrs. | Recommended: 4 hrs. |

16-NeRWA Annual Conference, Kearney, by NeRWA, will be held on March 14, 15, 16, 2022, Patrick Petersen

Requests: 13.5 hr. Recommended: 13.5 hrs.

Mr. Thompson, CEU Committee Chair, submitted the recommendations for Board approval of CEU hours as stated. Voting yes: Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, Webster, Christensen, and Thompson. Voting no: none. Abstain: None. Absent: none. Motion carried.

### **Item 5. Program Report**

Mr. Miesbach presented the program report that was included in the Board Packet. It outlined the declaratory orders/pre-notifications, violations, licensure information and testing information.

- Review of program report.
- Inspection update. The program's requirement is to inspect 25% of new wells. Currently at 32% completed in 2021.
- Update on licensing program.
- Update on NDEE online portal.
- New regulation status update.
- WWS inspections done in well head protection areas will be funded by SRF.
- A hearing will take place for a revoked license of a WWS licensee on March 21, 2022.
- Service plaques for board members will be awarded at the NGWA Conference luncheon February 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Item 6. Legislative Report**

- Continuing discussion for distribution of federal money received will impact groundwater.

## **Item 7. Agency Reports**

### **A. UNL – Conservation & Survey – Sue Lackey**

- Program was awarded a water sustainability fund. USGS and NCSD are working on it together focusing on recharge. Lateral recharge is being looked at, not just vertical recharge.
- Katie is working on the annual 5-year contracts with each NRD.
- Lewis and Clark project with Cedar Knox rural water-surface water intake is being silted in right now. The project is on the list to receive federal funds.

### **B. Department of Natural Resources – Mike Thompson**

- Update on DNR's move to Fallbrook in March.
- Registrations were reviewed
- Discussing the need for 2 types of replacement wells put into the database. Statutory and functional, which will differ by whether the original well was replaced or modified within the 180-day statutory time limit.
- Contractor's accessibility to public water supply information was discussed.
- Online change of ownership project is on IT list.

### **C. Department of Environment and Energy – Sue Dempsey.**

- A field position is currently open
- Regulations for drinking water is at the Governor's office
- Lead and copper revised rule, keeping lead service line inventory in the new revised rule, improvements to lead copper rule revised improvements
- Pfas contamination new regs are being addressed
- Manganese study-4 wells have been completed with 1 study to go.

### **D. HHS – Division of Public Health – Position is pending representation**

- DHHS has been notified of the need to fill this position per statute. To date no response has been provided by the Department.

### **E. Natural Resources Districts – Lynn Webster**

- Spring water levels to take place next month
- Tree season is coming up
- Chemigation questions

- NRD are looking at a pretty tough spring if drought conditions do not improve
- Regional meeting with NDEE and the NRD's to help with collaboration.

Break 2:35 pm to 2:50 pm

**Item 8. Public Comment**

None

**Item 9. Closed Session**

Ms. Lackey made a motion to into closed session, seconded by Mr. Grosch, at 2:52 p.m.; for the purpose of discussion of current licensee, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individual. Voting yes: Grosch, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Christensen, Webster, and Lackey Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Beck made the motion to come out of closed session at 3:05 p.m., seconded by Ms. Dempsey

Board came out of closed session at 3:05 p.m.

**Item 10. Adjourn**

Ms. Lackey moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m.



May 9, 2022

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**Mike Thompson, Board Secretary**

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**Date**