

WATER WELL STANDARDS & CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2022

Tonny Beck, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with roll call. The meeting was held at the Upper Elkhorn NRD-301 N Harrison St, O'Neill, 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
 Daniel Mackin Lynn Webster
 Scott Grosch Brian Whitesel
 Greg Brekel

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Jason Orton, Mark Graf, Tim Sizer, Dennis Schueth, Becky Schuerman, Pam Miller, Dave Miesbach.

Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Whitesel moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Lackey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Christensen, Thompson, Beck, Mackin, Brekel, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, and Webster. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Item 3. Consideration of Minutes of Board Meeting – April 6, 2022

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

Item 4. Introduction and Welcome of New Board Member

Greg Brekel with the Department of Environment and Energy's drinking water program was introduced as the new representative for NDEE, replacing Sue Dempsey.

Item 5. Continuing Education Requests

1- Understanding 3 Phase Motor & VFDs, Sioux Falls, SD, Tony Eisinger with Franklin Electric, was held April 14, 2022; Chris Martyna

Requests: 4 hrs. Recommended: 4 hrs.

2- Dealer Appreciation Day/Open House, Omaha, NE, Hydro Pump, was held April 7, 2022; Andy Kettelhut

Requests: 5 hrs. Recommended: 5 hrs.

3- Slug Testing for Site Characterization, Online, Midwest GeoSciences, ongoing; Matthew Cole

Requests: 1.5 hr. Recommended: 1.5 hrs.

4- Principles of Dewatering, Online, Midwest GeoSciences, ongoing; Matthew Cole

Requests: 1.5 hr. Recommended: 1.5 hrs.

5- Designing and Optimizing Ground Water Monitoring Systems in Sedimentary Sequences Part 1, Online, Midwest GeoSciences, ongoing; Matthew Cole

Requests: 1.5 hr. Recommended: 1.5 hrs.

6- Designing and Optimizing Ground Water Monitoring Systems in Sedimentary Sequences Part 2, Online, Midwest GeoSciences, ongoing; Matthew Cole

Requests: 1.5 hr. Recommended: 1.5 hrs..

7- Designing and Optimizing Ground Water Monitoring Systems in Sedimentary Sequences Part 3, Online, Midwest GeoSciences, ongoing; Matthew Cole

Requests: 1.5 hr. Recommended: 1.5 hrs.

8- No Purge GW Sampling, Online, Midwest GeoSciences, ongoing; Matthew Cole

Requests: 1.5 hr. Recommended: 1.5 hrs.

9- Borehole Flow Meters Part 1, Online, Midwest GeoSciences, ongoing; Matthew Cole

Requests: 1.5 hr. Recommended: 1.5 hrs.

10- Borehole Flow Meters Part 2, Online, Midwest GeoSciences, ongoing; Matthew Cole

Requests: 1.5 hr. Recommended: 1.5 hrs.

11- 2021 Open House, Salina, KS, Geoprobe/Drillmax, April 22, 2021; Jesse Kalvig

Requests: 3 hrs. Recommended: 3 hrs.

12- Water Well Drilling, Online, All Star Training, ongoing; Jesse Kalvig

Requests: 4 hrs. Recommended: 2 hrs.

13- SEDC, in Golden, CO, by Shallow Exploration Clinic, was held on April 11-15, 2022; Matt Marxsen

Requests: 12 hrs. Recommended: 11 hrs.

14- Sub Drive Install & Set up, Online, by KGWA, was held on April 30, 2022; Mitch Watson

Requests: 2 hrs. Recommended: 2 hrs.

15-Omaha Urban Geology & Anthropocene Tour, by NWDA, will be held on August 31, 2022; Lee Orton

Requests: 6 hrs. Recommended: 6 hrs.

Mr. Thompson, CEU Committee Chair, submitted the recommendations for board approval of CEU hours as stated, with the exception of items 3-10 which show broadcast date on certificates to be different than date of attendance, these items are to be verified of actual date taken, once proof of attendance date is verified, requests will be approved. Voting yes: Beck, Mackin, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, Webster, Christensen, Brekel, and Thompson. Voting no: none. Abstain: Motion carried.

Item 6. Proctor Request

Jim Hoffman

Mr. Christensen made the motion to approve Jim Hoffman as a proctor. Mr. Whitesel seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mackin, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, Webster, Christensen, Thompson, Brekel and Beck. Voting no: none. Abstain: Motion carried.

Item 7. Consideration of Continuing Education Board Policy P-5

Mr. Thompson made the motion to approve the revised Policy P-5, the revised policy will be updated to include: 2 hours of CE credit will be given for First Aid/CPR/AED training once per renewal cycle and all training must be in person and conducted by approved providers. Mr. Mackin seconded the motion. Voting yes: Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, Webster, Christensen, Thompson, Beck, Brekel and Mackin. Voting no: none. Abstain: Motion carried.

Item 8. 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 the program report.
- Mr. Graf gave an update on dye testing of monitoring wells.
- Inspection update.
- Update on licensing program.
- Update/presentation on NDEE online portal and WWS webpage.
- New regulation status update. Regs are currently at the Policy Research Office.

- No licensing fee change will take place at this time. Inspections done in well head protection areas are coming from other funding sources.
- Retirement of Sue Dempsey.
- No word from DHHS on member representation for the WWS board, which is required by statute.
- Hardship oral testing requests were presented for approval by the board.

Mr. Webster made the motion to approve 2 hardship requests for oral testing of a contractor and an NRD Tech. Ms. Lackey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, Webster, Christensen, Thompson, Beck, and Mackin. Voting no: Brekel. Abstain: Motion carried.

- Well construction issues were discussed.
- Program issues that are addressed between meetings, will be presented to the board at the next scheduled meeting. If the program feels board members need to know asap, members will be notified by email.

Item 9. Fee Review

No fee changes at this time.

Item 10. Legislative Report

None

Item 11. Agency Reports

A. UNL – Conservation & Survey – Sue Lackey

- Completion of 3 test holes for the Lower Loup will be done by next week.
- Emerson test hole to be completed the following week.
- Lower Platte South with the Dakota, rotary drilling.
- State map work.
- A lot of unsaturated zones for nitrates.
- Additional projects being done across the state.

B. Department of Natural Resources – Mike Thompson

- Review of well registration handouts
- Legislative session was hectic for the Department with several surface water related bills.
- Authorizing funds for Perkins County Canal scoping and planning phase
- Surface water project infrastructure improvement funding
- Projects for big lake near Omaha, Lake McConaughy and Ponca.
- Soil health funding.

C. Dept. of Environment and Energy – Greg Brekel (update given by Mr. Miesbach)

- Ryan Chapman is moving to Lower Platte NRD
- Manganese issues are under review.
- It's spill season, fertilizer spills are common right now. Records are available upon request for new well construction in possible spill areas.

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 of Health and Human Services for a representative.

E. Natural Resources Districts – Lynn Webster

- Tile drain
- Chemigation
- Water sampling

Item 12. Public Comment

Ms. Schuerman requested consideration by the department to provide funding on new NEB Guides on water quality topics.

Item 13. Closed Session

None

Item 14. Adjourn

Ms. Lackey moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Mike Thompson

July 20, 2022

Mike Thompson, Board Secretary

Date