

WATER WELL STANDARDS & CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD MEETING September 5, 2024

Tonny Beck, Chairman, called the special meeting, to form a subcommittee for the Construction Standards, to order at 10:05 a.m. CST. The meeting was held via Zoom Video Communications online meeting software. Copies of the agenda were emailed to Board members prior to the meeting. The Zoom meeting was advertised on the Water Well Standards and Contractor's Licensing Board webpage on the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy's website. The Open Meetings Act was posted on the website.

Item 1. Members Present

Tonny Beck	Sue Lackey
Laura Johnson	Lynn Webster
Brian Whitesel	Dan Mackin
Mike Thompson	

ABSENT: Scott Grosch, Cody Christensen, Russ Fosler
OTHERS: Lee Orton, Dan Egeland, Mark Graf, Jason Orton, Dave Miesbach, and Pam Miller.

Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Not done.

Item 3. Subcommittee member selection

- The Board discussed the number of sub-committee members to be selected. All members agreed the sub-committee would consist of nine (9) members. Seven (7) members would be selected from the applications received and two (2) members would be selected from the Board.
- Applicants received:
 - Tom Christopherson-Groundwater Solutions Group
 - William Christopherson-Geospec Drilling
 - Tom Downey-Downey Drilling
 - Nathan Jacobson-Sargent Irrigation
 - Mark Jensen- Mark's Well & Repair
 - Billy Johnson-J-2 Well Service
 - Charles Joyce- SCS Engineers
 - Kyle Knight-Shuck Drilling Company
 - Matt Marxsen-Conservation & Survey UNL
 - Michael Parde-City of Fremont
 - Ryan Rieschick-Rieschick Drilling Company

- All applications were reviewed and discussed. Focus was based on applicant's level of knowledge and experience with the industry.

Mr. Mackin moved to approve subcommittee members selected: **Tonny Beck**-Chairman of the Water Well Standards Board, **Scott Grosch**-Member of the Water Well Standards Board, **Tom Christopherson**-Groundwater Solutions Group, **Tom Downey**-Downey Well Drilling, **Nathan Jacobson**-Sargent Irrigation, **Charles Joyce**-SCS Engineers, **Kyle Knight**-Shuck Drilling Company, **Matt Marxsen**-Conservation and Survey Division- UNL, and **Ryan Rieschick**-Rieschick Drilling Company. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. Voting yes: Beck, Thompson, Johnson, Whitesel, Mackin, Lackey, Webster. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Item 4. Public Comment

Mr. Orton requested an update on the 2 Board members pending re-appointments that are currently waiting for the Governor's signature. The requests were submitted early fall of 2023. Ms. Johnson stated that the Governor's office still has these requests and no timeline for approval has been provided to the Department.

Item 5. Adjourn

Mr. Whitesel moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.



September 24, 2024

Mike Thompson, Board Secretary

Date