

WATER WELL STANDARDS & CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2020

Tonny Beck, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. with roll call. The meeting was held at the Ruby 4, Younes Convention Center, Kearney, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were emailed to board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The meeting was advertised in the Public Meeting Calendar on the Nebraska.gov website. The Open Meetings Act was posted at the front entrance of the room.

Item 1. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Tonny Beck	Katie Cameron (alternate for Sue Lackey)
Cody Christensen	David Miesbach
Sue Dempsey	Mike Thompson
Scott Grosch	Lynn Webster
Dave Hansen	Brian Whitesel

ABSENT: Sue Lackey

OTHERS: Jason Orton, Lee Orton, Dan Egeland, Mark Graf, Loren Taylor, Pam Miller

Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Webster moved that the agenda be adopted. Ms. Dempsey seconded the motion.

Voting yes: Christensen, Miesbach, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Grosch, Webster, Hansen, and Cameron. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Item 3. Consideration of Minutes of Board Meeting – Nov 6, 2019

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

Item 4. Continuing Education Requests

#1 – Swana Nebraska Chapter 2019 Conference, Hasting, NE, by NE Swana Cornhusker Chapter was held September 11-12, 2019; Luke Cunningham-re-evaluation of request

Requests: 13 hrs.

Recommended: 1

#2 – 2019 Nebraska Water Conference, Norfolk, NE, by University of Nebraska Water Center was held October 9-10, 2019; Mark Burbach

Requests: 13.25 hrs.

Recommended: more information is requested

#3 – Winter Training Class, Omaha, NE, by Hydro Pump Company was held December 18, 2019;
Andy Kettelman

Requests: 6 hrs.
Recommended: 6

#4 – Characterization and Remediation of Fractured Rock, Webinar, by Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council was held August 29, 2019; Brad Routt

Requests: 2 hr.
Recommended: 2

#5 –54th Shallow Exploration Drillers Clinic, Cheyenne, WY, by UNL School of Natural Resources was held on April 9-10, 2019; James Reece

Requests: 7 hrs.
Recommended: 5

#6 – CPNRD Water Programs Update, Lexington, NE, by Central Platte Natural Resources District will be held on February 12, 2020; Marcia Lee

Requests: 4 hrs.
Recommended: 4

#7 – 35th Annual International Conference, Amherst, MA, by AEHS was held October 22, 2019;
Roger Dinsmore

Requests: 7 hrs.
Recommended: 7

#8 –NeRWA, Kearney, NE, by Nebraska Rural Water Association will be held March 9-11, 2020;
Patrick Petersen

Requests: 12 hrs.
Recommended: 12

#9 –Groundwater Monitoring Demonstration, West Point, NE, Nutrient Advisors-Justin Sindelar was held Nov 22, 2019; Allen Kampschnieder

Requests: 4 hrs.
Recommended: 4

#10 –Groundwater Remediation: Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed and Something Blue, Omaha, NE, Nebraska Geological Society will be held April 16, 2020; David Becker

Requests: 1 hrs.
Recommended: 1

Mr. Miesbach made the motion to approve CEUs as stated. Mr. Whitesel seconded the motion. Voting yes: Christensen, Miesbach, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Grosch, Webster, Hansen, and Cameron. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Item 5. Continuing Education Policy update-P-14

Mr. Webster made the motion to approve changes to Continuing Education Policy P-14. Ms. Dempsey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Christensen, Miesbach, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Grosch, Webster, Hansen, and Cameron. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Item 6. 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.

- Mr. Egeland gave an update on the Capital Project.
- Mr. Egeland provided an update on NEBCO-Fallbrook Project.
- Proposed consideration of Board to approve reaching out to a company putting in seals. The department would like to see dye tubes put into several of the projects and have department staff inspect the wells and dye test. Board agreed that contact for the project would be beneficial.
- Mr. Graf and Mr. Egeland shared revisions made to the Dec Order form for contractors.
- The vacant inspector position in North Platte was reposted on the State jobs website February 10th. The original posting showed the incorrect job location. The position will close February 24st. Advertising for this position will be displayed at the NWDA Annual Conference.

Item 7. Legislative Report

Mr. Orton provided information on LB 1187. He shared his letter to Senator LaGrone and the Chairman of the Committee on reciprocity concerns for licensed professionals.

Item 8. Agency Reports

UNL – Conservation & Survey – Katie Cameron

- Lower Platte South is complete.
- Missouri test holes by Sioux City-one more to complete.
- Possible Pawnee County Atlas
- Almost all airborne data has been loaded onto the GeoCloud. Goal is to have the site open to the public/contractors, including test hole data base in June.
- ENWA may go for a grant to sample domestic wells
- Two more NRDs are doing flights.

Department of Natural Resources – Mike Thompson

- Regional reports were handed out.

- Nebraska Interactive update. A Flyer will be shared at WWS booth during Convention on these updates.
- Agency Director is retiring in the next month.

Department of Environment and Energy– Dave Miesbach

- NRD water conference will have the groundwater model on display.
- Move to Fallbrook is projected for September 2020
- Clearing house data base is still being built by contractor.

DHHS – Division of Public Health – Sue Dempsey

- Life grant received for faucet testing in schools and child care facilities
- Public education on lead and copper rule.
- Manganese grant will come through next week. A news release will take place once sampling begins.
- Fully staffed.
- Recently EPA headquarters did a desktop exercise out to NEMA for possible future flooding.

Natural Resources Districts – Lynn Webster

- Spring static water levels are looking good
- NRD's information gathering for groundwater management strategies.
- Managers meeting coming up.

Item 9. Public Comment

None

Break 2:15 to 2:25

Item 10. Closed Session

Mr. Miesbach moved, seconded by Ms. Dempsey, to go into closed session at 2:25 p.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of current licensees, and other confidential information about these individuals, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting yes: Christensen, Miesbach, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Grosch, Webster, Hansen, and Cameron. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Christensen to come out of closed session at 2:36 p.m. Voting yes: Christensen, Miesbach, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Grosch, Webster, Hansen, and Cameron. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Item 11. Adjourn

Mr. Grosch made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Webster.

Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson, Board Secretary

3/11/2020

Date