

WATER WELL STANDARDS AND CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD

June 22, 2018

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Tracy McConnell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. with roll call. The meeting was held at the Comfort Inn located at 2810 Plum Creek Parkway in Lexington, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were emailed to board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The meeting was published in the June 9, 2018, edition of the Omaha World Herald and advertised on the Public Meeting Calendar on the Nebraska.gov website and online at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crlBoardAgendasMinutes.aspx>. The Open Meetings Act was posted at the back of the room.

Item 1. Roll Call

Present:	Tonny Beck	David Miesbach
	Dave Hansen	Mike Thompson
	Judy Martin	Lynn Webster
	Tracy McConnell	Brian Whitesel

*Judy Martin came in Howard Isaacs place

Absent: Sue Lackey, Mike Salmon

Others: Jason Orton, Lee Orton, Cindy Kreifels, Becky Schuerman, Tom Downey, Mike Allen

Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Whitesel moved that the agenda be adopted. Mr. Miesbach seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Item 3. Consideration of Minutes of Board Meeting – April 11, 2018

A correction needs to be made to page 3, part C. It should read as follows: Dave Miesbach reported that DEQ is working with communities on Well Head Protection projects. The Well Head Protection modeler position will end after April 30, 2018. The Quality-Assessed Agrichemical Contaminant Database for Nebraska Groundwater is being worked on for user improvements.

Mr. Thompson moved that the minutes be adopted as amended. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Item 4. Executive Secretary Appointment

Kim Howell resigned as of May 11, 2018. Becky Schuerman will be Executive Secretary for this meeting only since she is resigning on July 6, 2018. There was a discussion as to the filling of the role of the Executive Secretary for the Board for the future. Judy Martin is currently the backup for the Executive Secretary.

Mr. Webster moved for the approval of Becky Schuerman to be the Executive Secretary for the Board for today's meeting. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion was amended that Mrs. Schuerman's appointment be from June 22, 2018 – July 6, 2018. Mr. Webster moved for the amended approval. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Item 5. Continuing Education Requests

#1 – Hydro Pump Open House/Dealer Appreciation Day was held April 5, 2018; Andy Kettelhut Requests: 5 hrs / Recommended: 2

#2 – Water Management Software Technology Learning Session was held March 5, 2018; Jim Schneider Requests: 2 hrs / Recommended: 3

#3 – 2018 Legislative Conference was held January 24, 2018; Jennifer Swanson Requests: 4 hrs / Recommended: 2

#4 – 2018 Water Programs Conference was held March 6, 2018; Jennifer Swanson Requests: 6.5 hrs / Recommended: 2.0

#5 – 30th Annual Environmental & Groundwater Quality Conference was held March 28-29, 2018; Jerald Zutz Requests: 9.5 hrs / Recommended: 3.5

#6 – Environmental Sequence Stratigraphy was held April 3, 2018; Nancy Harris Requests: 1.5 hrs / Recommended: 1.5

#7 – Grade 3 Water Operator Training was held April 16-20, 2018; Justin Negley Requests: 4 hrs / Recommended: Tabled till the next meeting for further information.

#8 – Well Rehab, VFD's and Solar Pumps was held April 7, 2018; Victor Silva Requests: 3 hrs / Recommended: 3

#9 – Connecting Groundwater to the Surface; Models, Monitoring and More was held March 7, 2018; Daniel Snow Requests: 4 hrs / Recommended: 3

#10 – Boring Log Basics was held May 8, 2018; David Miesbach Requests: 1.5 hrs / Recommended: 1.5

#11 – UNWNRD Water Issues Meeting was held March 1, 2018; Haley Anders Requests: 4 hrs / Recommended: 1

#12 – Water Topics for Nebraska Teachers was held May 30-31, 2018; Aaron Young Requests: 12 hrs / Recommended: 11

#13 – LNAPL Training Part 2 was held May 15, 2018; Nancy Harris Requests: 2.25 hrs / Recommended: Tabled till the next meeting for further information.

#14 – LNAPL Training Part 3 was held May 22, 2018; Nancy Harris Requests: 1.5 hrs / Recommended: Tabled till the next meeting for further information.

#15 – Water Trenching will be held the week of September 17, 2018; Cindy Kreifels Requests: 6 hrs / Recommended: 6

#16 – South Atlantic Jubilee will be held July 28-30, 2018; Gregory Grosch Requests: 8 hrs / Recommended: 9

#17 – Oceanic Cyclic Sedimentation and Water Resource Potential in Pawnee and Richardson Counties will be held July 14, 2018; Colleen Steele Requests: 2 hrs / Recommended: 2

#18 - UNL Spring Seminar Series - Nebraska Water Center was held January 17 – April 18, 2018; Tyler Smith Requests: 7 hrs Recommended: 1

Mr. Miesbach moved that the CEUS be approved. Mr. Webster seconded the motion.
Roll call vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Item 6. Program Report

Mrs. Schuerman presented the program report that was included in the Board Packet. It outlined the Declaratory Orders/Pre-Notifications, Major Violations, Licensure and the Title 178 – Free Water Test Kit Program.

Item 7. Legislative Report

No legislative reported was provided.

Item 8. Agency Reports

A. UNL – Conservation & Survey – Sue Lackey

Mrs. Lackey was not present at the meeting so no report was provided.

B. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Mike Thompson

Mr. Thompson handed out three (3) reports for registered well program activity. They outlined the number of registered wells, the number of replacement wells, and the number of wells registered more than sixty days after well completion all by month and category.

Mr. Thompson reported that DNR Registrations and Permits are also being audited. DNRs Well Registration Program is currently down two (2) staff.

C. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) – Dave Miesbach

Mr. Miesbach reported the DEQ is working with a contractor on the Quality-Assessed Agrichemical Contaminant Database for Nebraska Groundwater to be transferred to a Cloud based site so everyone can use it. Mr. Miesbach also reported that he has been fielding calls for the Water Well Standards Program.

D. DHHS – Division of Public Health – Judy Martin for the interim

Mrs. Martin let the Board know that the Water Well Standards Program is being audited by the State Auditor's office for the last six (6) weeks which also includes inventorying equipment purchased by the program.

Mrs. Martin contacted Marilyn Tabor at Nebraska Environmental Trust to request an extension on Nebraska Environmental Trust grant. The final request for an extension will be submitted prior to June 30.

Mrs. Martin announced that Courtney Phillips, DHHS CEO and Jim Macy, Agency Director for DEQ, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) this morning to have overall operation of the Water Well Standards Program be managed by DEQ. This MOA becomes effective on Monday, June 25, 2018. The staff positions involved include the three (3) field staff, the program manager position and a staff assistant position. All positions will continue to be DHHS employees.

Mrs. Martin stated that the audit has delayed comment on the UNL contract. She has spoken with Meghan Sittler and has explained that things are on hold. The Department is looking at the business units and the statutory authority of what the program can fund. She thinks that the definitions of what the program can fund have morphed a little bit from administration to administration. The UNL contract will remain DHHS, DEQ has their own.

Mr. Miesbach will be overseeing the Water Well Standards Program. The Program will fall under the Groundwater Section with the Wellhead Protection, Underground Injections and Mineral Exploration Programs. A program manager and staff assistant will need to be hired.

Mr. Miesbach explained that his intention is to get the positions filled as soon as possible. Janell Miller, Mrs. Schuerman, Mrs. Martin and Mr. Miesbach have carried the program for the last three (3) months. Mr. Miesbach stated that he has relied on this Board to help answer questions and will involve the Board in the future. Mr. Miesbach's phone number is 402-471-4982 if anyone needs to contact him.

E. Natural Resources Districts – Lynn Webster

Mr. Webster stated the Integrated Groundwater Management is an ongoing partnership with DNR and DEQ as well as producers and cooperators. No updates on the video part.

Item 9. Public Comment

Tom Downey, Mike Allen and Lee Orton presented public comments.

Item 10. Other

No other business was discussed.

Item 11. Adjourn

Mr. Whitesel moved to adjourn, all were in favor of the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain.