

**WATER WELL STANDARDS & CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD OUTLINE
November 7, 2018 (revised 3/1/19)**

Tracy McConnell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. with roll call. The meeting was held at the Atrium Building located at 1200 N Street in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were emailed to board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The meeting notice was published in the October 26, 2018, edition of the Omaha World Herald and advertised 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:

Dave Hansen	Mike Salmon	Judy Martin
Mike Thompson	Sue Lackey	Lynn Webster
Tracy McConnell	Brian Whitesel	David Miesbach

ABSENT: Tonny Beck

OTHERS: Jason Orton, Lee Orton, Janell Miller, Jim Macy, Mark Graf, Dan Egeland, Britt Dalton, Andy Kettlehut, Pam Miller, Claire Covert-ByBee

Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Lackey moved that the agenda be adopted. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent

Item 3. Consideration of Minutes of Board Meeting – November 7, 2018

Mr. Whitesel moved that the minutes be adopted. Ms. Martin seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent

Item 4. Election of Officers

Mr. Miesbach reported that several nominations have been presented to the Governor's office for replacement of outgoing Board members. No word has been received for approval of these appointments.

Chairman nominee:

Mr. Whitesel moved that Mr. McConnell be elected **Chairman**. Mr. Salmon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain; 1 Absent

Vice Chairman nominee:

Ms. Lackey moved that Mr. Beck be elected **Vice-Chairman**. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent

Secretary nominee:

Ms. Lackey moved that Mr. Thompson be elected **Secretary**. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain; 1 Absent

Item 5. Continuing Education Requests

#1 – December Last Chance CEUS held in Lincoln, NE by Nebraska Well Drillers Association will be held December 14, 2018; Leroy Orton

Requests: 6 hours /Recommended: 6 hours

#2 – Western Conference/Pre-Conference held in Gering, NE by Nebraska Rural Water Association was held September 11-13, 2018; Patrick Petersen

Requests: 8 hours /Recommended: 8 hours

#3 – 2018 Water Programs Conference held in Kearney, NE by NE Association of Resources District was held March 6, 2018; Jennifer Swanson (already approved for 2, requesting additional hours)

Requests: 6.5 hours /Recommended: 5 hours

#4 – 2018 NARD Groundwater Tech Training held in York, NE by NE Association of Resources District was held June 7, 2018; Jennifer Swanson

Requests: 5 hours /Recommended: 5 hours

#5 – Franklin Solar/VFD Training held in Broken Bow, NE by Nebraska Pump/Franklin Electric was held November 6, 2018; Matthew Willnerd

Requests: 5 hours /Recommended: 5 hours

#6 – Franklin Solar/VFD Training held in Lincoln, NE by Nebraska Pump/Franklin Electric was held November 7, 2018; Matthew Willnerd

Requests: 5 hours /Recommended: 5 hours

#7 – Wellhead Protection Network held in Auburn, NE by The Groundwater Foundation was held September 26, 2018; Sara Brock

Requests: 3 hours /Recommended: 3 hours

#8 – Project GROW NRD/Municipal Field Day held in York, NE by Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was held September 21, 2018; Marie Krausnick

Requests: 3.5 hours /Recommended: 4.5 hours

#9 – Focused Remediation Seminars held in St Louis, MO by Focused Remediation Seminars was held April 25, 2018; Nicholas Zurweller

Requests: 5.5 hours /Recommended: 5.5 hours

#10 – RA Code Seminars held in Norfolk, NE by Randy Anderson was held October 12-13, 2018; Judd Keiser

Requests: 12 hours /Recommended: 12 hours

#11 – Research and Development Needs for Management of DoD's PFAS Contaminated Sites by SERDP/ESTCP (on-line webinar) was held September 7, 2017; Nancy Harris

Requests: 1.5 hours /Recommended: 1.5 hours

#12 – Nebraska Water Industries Annual Convention and Trade Show held in Kearney, NE by NE Well Drillers Assoc. and On-Site Waste Water Assoc. will be held February 12-14, 2019; Cindy Kreifels

Requests: 26 hours /Recommended: 26 hours

#13 – Geology and Well Technology Fair held in Wichita, KS by Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment was held August 29-30, 2017; Brent Clarke

Requests: 8 hours /Recommended: 2 hours

#14 – VFD Basics and Proper Chlorination and Well Cleaning Techniques held in Grand Island, NE by Roberts Pump and Supply Co, Inc. will be held November 15, 2018; Matthew Roberts

Requests: 4 hours /Recommended: 4 hours

#15 – 2018 NARD Annual Conference held in Kearney, NE by NARD was held September 24-25, 2018; Jennifer Swanson

Requests: 6 hours /Recommended: 6 hours

#16 – Restoration of Chlorinated Solvent Contaminated Groundwater Sites: Value of Information Challenge by SERDP/ESTCP (on-line webinar) was held October 18, 2018; Nancy Harris

Requests: 1.5 hours /Recommended: 1.5 hours

#17 – EWS Symposium held in Ames, IA, by Essential Water Solutions was held November 1-2, 2018; Andy Kettelhut

Requests: 7 hours /Recommended: 5.5 hours

#18 – Hydro Pump Winter Training Class held in Omaha, NE, by Hydro Pump Company will be held December 20, 2018; Andy Kettelhut

Requests: 6 hours /Recommended: 6 hours

#19 – PFAS Analytical Methods Application, Comparison and Lab Accreditation by Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (on-line webinar) was held October 10, 2018; Sarah Jeffrey

Requests: 1.5 hours /Recommended: 1.5 hours

#20 – The Conceptual Site Model Development Course held in Denver, CO by Robert Herbert, REP Program Coordinator was held July 18, 2018; David Weber

Requests: 7 hours /Recommended: 6 hours

#21 – 2018 Regional Water Symposium by Nebraska Water Center at UNL was held October 24-26, 2018; Chittaranjan Ray

Requests: 14.0 hours /Recommended: 14.5 hours

#22 – Challenges & Opportunities of Integrated Management of Surface Water and Groundwater by Groundwater Foundation, National Groundwater Association (On demand webinar); David Cox

Requests: 1 hours /Recommended: 1 hours

#23 – Quantifying the US Groundwater Reserves by Groundwater Foundation, National Groundwater Association (On demand webinar); David Cox

Requests: 1 hours /Recommended: 1 hours

#24 – Sustainable Groundwater Development Using GIS and Groundwater Modeling by Groundwater Foundation, National Groundwater Association (On demand webinar); David Cox

Requests: 1 hours /Recommended: 1 hours

#25– Discovery of Geological Terrains Using Airborne Geophysics by Groundwater Foundation, National Groundwater Association (On demand webinar); David Cox

Requests: 1 hours /Recommended: 1 hours

#26 – Emerging Contaminants in the Environment by Groundwater Foundation, National Groundwater Association (On demand webinar); David Cox

Requests: 1 hours /Recommended: 1 hours

#27 – Wellhead Protection 101 by Groundwater Foundation, National Groundwater Association (On demand webinar); David Cox

Requests: 1 hours /Recommended: 1 hours

#28 – 2018 Fall Conference held in Denver CO, by Colorado Environmental Management Society was held October 4, 2018; Andrew Stearns

Requests: 7 hours /Recommended: 4 hours

#29 – LNAPL Update/ITRC Training Program held in St. Louis, MO by Missouri Waste Control Coalition was held October 12, 2018; Douglas Burge

Requests: 7 hours /Recommended: 7 hours

#30 – 2018 Thein Well Company In-House Training held in Spicer, MN by Thein Well Co., Inc. was held February 15, 2018; Robert Thein

Requests: 8 hours /Recommended: 8 hours

#31 – Groundwater Week 2018 held in Las Vegas, NV by National Groundwater Association will be held December 3-6, 2018; Ryan Layman

Requests: 12 hours /Recommended: 12 hours

#32 – Wellhead Protection Network held in Lincoln, Ne by The Groundwater Foundation will be held November 29, 2018; Sara Brock

Requests: 2 hours /Recommended: 2 hours

#33 – UNWNRD Water Issues Meeting held in Alliance, NE by UNWNRD was held March 1, 2018; Haley Anders (already approved for 1 hour requesting additional hour)

Requests: 2 hours /Recommended: 3 hours

#34– Underground Storage Tank Remover Course held in Altoona, IA by Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources was held May 18, 2018; Matt McDermott

Requests: 6 hours /Recommended: 5 hours

#35 – 2018 EPI Fall Symposium held in Johnston, IA by Environmental Professionals of Iowa will be held November 12-13, 2018; Matt McDermott

Requests: 7 hours /Recommended: 6 hours

Mr. Miesbach moved that the CEUS be approved. Mr. Whitesel seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent

Item 6. Proctor Nominations:

CE Proctors:

#1-Connie Kiecksee- Sylvan Learning Center

Mr. Miesbach moved that the CE Proctor be approved. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent

#2 – Andrew Stearns-Veterans Environmental Technology Services

Mr. Miesbach moved that the CE Proctor be approved. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent

Exam Proctor:

#1-Pam Miller-DHHS-Water Well Standards

Mr. Webster moved that the Exam Proctor be approved. Mr. Whitesel seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent

Item 7-Policy Update:

Mr. Miesbach presented Policy 15 (P-15)-CEU's Specific to the License; this policy allows all CEU's approved by the Board to be available to all individual licenses. Discussion was held in regard to removing the occupation box on the bottom of the Continuing Education application for approval.

Mr. Miesbach presented Policy 16 (P-16)-What constitutes a CEU; this policy would define what relates directly to Groundwater means. Discussion was held and it was determined that the CE request would be evaluated on a case by case basis as it has been in the past by the sub-committee.

The Board members requested that all policies be forwarded to them for their records.

Mr. Miesbach moved to approve Policy 15 (P-15). Mr. Webster seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent

Greetings from the Director:

Mr. Macy with DEQ welcomed the Board and thanked them for their continuing service. He presented an update to the Board on the new building project underway and the tentative date of completion.

Break taken and recording stopped from 11:11 a.m. - 11:28 a.m.

Item 8. Program Report

Ms. Covert-ByBee with DHHS Licensure and Credentialing talked about:

- The renewal process and problems
- How LB254 and LB 299 would affect Licensure

Mr. Miesbach presented the program report that was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Miesbach noted a letter was sent out to all contractors in September concerning the curb stop issue discussed at the last Board meeting. It's the responsibility of the contractor to prove the curb stop was installed. Inspections are at 44%, up from last year's numbers.

Mr. Egeland, Water Well Standards field inspector, reported on the Capitol project at 17th and K Street. Water Well inspection staff are monitoring the progress and providing support to the K2 team.

Mr. Miesbach shared several photos from the abandonment of a public water supply well in Grand Island. The contractor was hired by the EPA. The contractor created a

piece of hydraulic equipment that goes down inside the casing to remove section by section from the well.

Item 9. Legislative Report

No legislative reported was provided.

Item 10. Agency Reports

A. UNL – Conservation & Survey – Sue Lackey

Mrs. Lackey reported things are looking up for the CSD and the University. The CSD completed the drilling on the Papio the last week in September. NRD Tri Basin drilling has been complete. CSD satellite Windside office is up and running.

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 commented that the number of well modifications have drastically slowed down this year. The answer could be due to the weather and the amount of precipitation this year.

Mr. Thompson stated the Municipal transfer for the City Papillion was just approved. Papillion should have a solid water supply based on maximum needs for the next 35 years.

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

Approximately 4000 samples been added to the clearinghouse. The nitrate levels are staying pretty level based on the median concentration. A contractor is lined up to rearrange the clearinghouse to make it more user friendly for the NRD to put in the data.

D. DHHS – Division of Public Health – Judy Martin

Ms. Martin reported on the tracking of all assets from the recent audit find. All but one could be accounted for. The missing asset, they believe, may be an old dual packer.

Ms. Martin reiterated on the auditors finding for the liability insurance and the need for updated documentation from all contractors. DHHS is getting through the list of the ten different finds shared at the last Board meeting in June. DHHS has until February 29, 2019 to submit and address all of the audit findings.

The Village of Tekamah has submitted an NET for grant monies for four (4) wells. Ms. Martin will forward the email to Mr. Miesbach with the request.
Ms. Martin departed meeting.

E. Natural Resources Districts – Lynn Webster

A lot of the districts are working with companies on new technology for irrigation efficiencies, if the producer can become more efficient with irrigation he is going to make more money. It may cost a little bit to do some of this technology but when it is utilized will make their bottom line better.

AEM and other studies are going on across the state to understand surface water to ground water connections. These studies are ongoing with several agencies, DNR, DEQ, CSD, etc.

Break taken and recording stopped from 1:08 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Item 11. Public Comment

Business classes are acceptable for CE consideration by the Board.

Item 12. Other

Mr. Miesbach presented a sample of the door hangtag with contact information. Staff will use the tag prior to performing an inspection when contact with the landowner is not possible.

Item 13. Closed Session

Mr. McConnell moved to go into closed session. Ms. Lackey seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 2 Absent

Mr. McConnell moved that the Board come out of closed session. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yes – 8 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 2 Absent

Mr. McConnell made the motion to waive the CEs for the applicant due to medical issues. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yes – 8 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 2 Absent

Item 14. Adjourn

Mr. Hansen moved to adjourn. Ms. Lackey seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 2 Absent

Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson, Board Secretary

March 21, 2019

Date