

# **WATER WELL STANDARDS & CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD MEETING**

## **June 12, 2020**

Tonny Beck, Chairman, called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. with roll call. Copies of the agenda were emailed to board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The meeting and the Open Meetings Act was publicized in the Public Meeting Calendar on the Nebraska.gov website. The meeting was conducted via teleconference under provisions developed for health precautions pursuant to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Item 1. Roll Call**

PRESENT:	Tonny Beck	David Miesbach
	Sue Lackey	Mike Thompson
	Sue Dempsey	Lynn Webster
	Dave Hansen	Brian Whitesel
ABSENT:	Cody Christensen	
OTHERS:	Jason Orton, Lee Orton, Dan Egeland, Mark Graf, Marty Link, Becky Schuerman, Pam Miller	

### **Item 2. Adoption of Agenda**

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

### **Item 3. Consideration of Minutes of Board Meeting – April 8, 2020**

Ms. Lackey moved that the minutes be adopted, noting that all future minutes should provide consistency when documenting NDEE agency name, Mr. Grosch seconded the motion. Voting yes: Grosch, Miesbach, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Webster, Hansen and Lackey. Voting no: none. Abstain: None. Absent: Christensen. Motion carried.

### **Item 4. Continuing Education Requests**

#1 – Borehole Logging, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 21, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.  
Recommended: 1

#2 – Chemicals and Techniques Used for Well Development, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 28, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.  
Recommended: 1

#3 – Hydrogeology and Aquifers, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 5, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.  
Recommended: 1

#4 – Operational Stages of a Well, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 7, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.  
Recommended: 1

#5 – Water Well Video Logging, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 14, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.  
Recommended: 1

#6 – Well Design Basics, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 12, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.  
Recommended: 1

#7 – Well Disinfection, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 19, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.  
Recommended: 1

#8 – Conjunctive Water Management in Oregon, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 1, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.  
Recommended: 0

#9 – Losing a Job Can Help You be Profitable, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 6, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.  
Recommended: 1

#10 – Oh, no, I Have to Work with an Engineer, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 8, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.  
Recommended: 1

#11 – Drilling Chemicals and Rehabilitation Activities, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 13, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.

Recommended: 1

#12 – Tannins and Natural Organic Matter (NOM): What Contractors Need to Know, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 15, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.

Recommended: 1

#13 – Pump Curves: What They Tell You and How to Use Them, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 20, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.

Recommended: 1

#14 – Geothermal Operations: Applying Groundwater Expertise, Online/Webinar, *by* National Ground Water Association was held May 27, 2020; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1 hr.

Recommended: 1

#15 – Integrating Data and Geophysics with Vadose Zone and Groundwater Nitrate, Kearney, NE, *by* University of Nebraska Water Center was held March 2, 2019; Daniel Snow

Requests: 4 hr.

Recommended: 4

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

#### **Item 5. Testing Proctor Requests**

##### **Proctors for zoom exams-June 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Allen Kampschnieder, Darron deBoer, Susanne Bailey, Megan Seymour, Marie Krausnick, Charles Joyce, Rory Mullally, Todd Filipi, Todd Stewart, Michael Braulick, Patrick Nott, Scott Grosch, and Daryl Anderson. Susan Moore for Kopecky was denied. Scott Grosch volunteered to proctor examination for applicant Kopecky.

Mr. Miesbach made the motion to approve examination proctors as stated. Mr. Webster

seconded the motion. Voting yes: Grosch, Miesbach, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Webster, Hansen and Lackey. Voting no: none. Abstain: None. Absent: Christensen. 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.

- Licensure applicant information was reviewed. A Brief overview of the new state Statute for fee waivers was held.
- CE opportunities were discussed. All available courses are posted to the NDEE website.
- Mr. Egeland provided an update on the Capital and Fallbrook Projects. He also gave a review of the Park Middle School project, noting LPS is willing to allow the department to use school sites to test alternate grout.
- Mr. Graf shared an overview of a new electronic inspection program currently being developed. This program will also provide GPS, which will help meet audit requirements.
- Routine inspections are being conducted at this time with some restrictions still in place.
- May testing was cancelled and rescheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> for the NRGWT exams and 24<sup>th</sup> for State exams. All exams will be conducted via Zoom due to COVID-19.
- The vacant inspector position in North Platte has been approved to fill. Interviews will be conducted soon.
- Mr. Orton proposed a review of a past incomplete MOU concerning the board's partial funding for an extension position. Mr. Miesbach will try to locate this unsigned MOU and forward to the board members for review prior to the next board meeting.
- Contractors have been having problems getting CE completed education applications notarized during the COVID-19 pandemic. Options available for notarizing the applications are the drive thru window at banks and local extension offices. Regulations do not allow for a waiver of this criterion.
- Mr. Miesbach provided general information and made a motion to approve an applicant with several misdemeanors for littering to be moved forward. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Voting yes: Grosch, Miesbach, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Webster, Hansen and Lackey. Voting no: none. Abstain: None. Absent: Christensen. Motion carried.

## **Item 7. Legislative Report**

Lee Orton shared that the Legislature will be back in session starting July 20, 2020, with 21 days remaining.

## **Item 8. Agency Reports**

### **A. UNL – Conservation & Survey – Sue Lackey**

- Vadose Zone Water Quality position (split between SNR, Biological System Engineering, & Ag) draft position was approved in April and search committee set up. To be housed in CSD. However, UNL has put a hold on all open positions due to budget problems.
- A limited drilling schedule was approved to begin; Waverly (LPS/Dan Snow) had access problems. CSD test-hole drilling for NRD NET funded projects starts Monday. L&C and MN will be completed by early July and LN will begin the end of August.
- MR NRD project funded by WSF included AEM flights scheduled for late July. Lead Korus
- Nebraska Geocloud: Standards and Guidelines workshop scheduled in July. Korus & Cameron
- Papio & Nemaha AEM work funded (WSF) flights likely this fall.
- 2019 Water Level report published in April, lead Young.
- LPS 3 year test-hole drilling project with CSD finalized. Cameron

### **A. Department of Natural Resources – Mike Thompson**

- Board members received well registration activity reports prior to the meeting via email.
- Open staff assistant position will be reposted.
- Mr. Thompson provided an update on the Nebraska Interactive project. Data exports have had inconsistencies that are being worked on with lag times taken several weeks for solutions from Nebraska Interactive. Contractors will be able to edit and update their profiles online when the improvements are launched.
- NeDNR is working to expand NDEE and DHHS connections with their interactive maps to assist field inspectors with data retrieval.

### **B. Department of Environment and Energy – Dave Miesbach.**

- The move to Fallbrook will take place between September 2020 and January 2021.
- Updates on the water quality clearinghouse. The clearinghouse is almost ready to release to the public. A demonstration will be held at the next board meeting.

**C. HHS – Division of Public Health – Sue Dempsey**

- Division is using a phased in approach to return staff back to the office and field.
- All in-person training has been cancelled for the year.
- Manganese grant had 99% participation with all systems being tested. Information is being mapped for trends.
- Application for CDC funding is underway which would cover sampling of private wells.
- Lead sampling for all licensed public elementary schools, childcare and preschools will start in September. Additional grant monies are being applied for, if granted, testing would continue for high schools and middle schools.

**D. Natural Resources Districts – Lynn Webster**

- NRD's have been doing business as normal. NRD offices continue to have safe guards in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The spring study on water wells has been completed.
- Water sampling has begun.
- Work continues to get everything done.

**Item 9. Public Comment**

None

**Item 10. Adjourn**

Mr. Beck moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m.



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**Mike Thompson, Board Secretary**

**July 30, 2020**

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**Date**