

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

## **August 19, 2020**

Tonny Beck, Chairman, called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:07 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
	Scott Grosch	Cody Christensen

OTHERS: Dan Egeland, Mark Graf, Pam Miller

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

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

### **Item 3. Consideration of Minutes of Board Meeting – June 12, 2020**

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

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

#1 – Last Chance Workshop, location TBD, by NWDA will be held December 16, 2020; Lee Orton

Requests: 6 hr.

Recommended: 6

#2 – Long term Contamination Mgt, Training Webinar, by USEPA CLU-IN sponsored by ITRC was held November 21, 2019; Douglas Burge

Requests: hrs not indicated

Recommended: tabled, need more information

#3 – South Atlantic Jubilee, *Myrtle Beach, SC* by South Atlantic Jubilee was held July 27-29, 2019; Greg Grosch

Requests: 2 hr.

Recommended: 2

#4 – 2020 Customer Appreciation Show, St Cloud, MN, by Preferred Pump was held March 13, 2020; Steven Johnson

Requests: 6 hr.

Recommended: 6

#5 – GaGwp Well Show and Expo, Savannah, GA, by GAGWP was held September 28, 2019; Greg Grosch

Requests: 4.5 hr.

Recommended: 1

#6 – NGWA, Westerville, OH, by National Ground Water Association was held December 5, 2019; Greg Grosch

Requests: 1.5 hr.

Recommended: 1.5

#7 – Wyoming Water Well Convention, Casper, WY, by Wyoming Ground Water Association was held January 15-17, 2020; Gary Lamb

Requests: 12 hrs.

Recommended: 5

#8 –2020 additional NEC Code Classes, various locations, by Jerry Rhoades will be held on various days until December 31, 2020; Jerry Rhoades

Requests: 4 to 8 hrs. per session

Recommended: 8 hrs max per session

#9 –2019 NE Water Conference, Norfolk, NE, by University of NE Water Center was held on October 9-10, 2019; Doug Burge and Ryan Chapman

Requests: 13.25 hrs.

Recommended: 8.5

#10 –2019 KGWA Annual Convention, Mulvane, KS, by Kansas Ground Water Assoc. was held January 24-25, 2019; Stephen Seliga

Requests: 8 hrs.

Recommended: 8

#11 –2020 KGWA Annual Convention, Mulvane, KS, by Kansas Ground Water Assoc. was held January 23-24, 2020; Stephen Seliga

Requests: 8 hrs.

Recommended: 8

#12 –Water Wells and Wastewater, various locations, by Wayne Woldt, will be held Oct. 26-27, Oct 29-30, Nov., 2-3, 9-10, 12-13, 2020; Wayne Woldt

Requests: 12 hrs.

Recommended: 8

#13 –Hydrogeology N/S Platte Rivers Fieldtrip, by the Nebraska Geological Society (NGS), will be held Oct. 16-19, Oct 17-20, 2020; Douglas Hallum

Requests: 16 hrs.

Recommended: 16

#14 –2020 91<sup>st</sup> IWWA Annual Convention, by the Iowa Water Well Assn., was held Jan 30-31, 2020; Scott Justin

Requests: 11 hrs.

Recommended: 10

#15 – National Groundwater Assn. National certification Exam, by the NGWA, will be held various times; Ron Stauffer

Requests: 12 hrs.

Recommended: hours based on test(s) passed and required application and licensing provided.

#16-Safe Practice in the Groundwater Industry, by the NGWA, will be held on demand; Jessica Michell

Requests: 3 hrs.

Recommended: 3

#17-Drilling Mud Quality, by the NGWA, will be held on demand; Jessica Michell

Requests: 4 hrs.

Recommended: 3.5

#18-Introduction to Groundwater Resources, by the NGWA, will be held on demand; Jessica Michell

Requests: 1.5 hrs.

Recommended: 1.5

Mr. Miesbach made the motion to approve CEUs as stated. Voting yes: Grosch, Miesbach, Thompson, Beck, Dempsey, Whitesel, Webster, Christensen, Hansen and Lackey. Voting no: none. Abstain: None. Absent: 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. Graf provided an update on the Park Middle School project, phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 will begin in September.
- Mr. Graf shared an update on the new electronic inspection program currently being developed. OCIO are working to resolve software issues.
- Routine inspections are being conducted at this time with some restrictions still in place.
- June testing was conducted via Zoom due to COVID- 19. The virtual process was overall a success. August testing was completed in person.
- The vacant inspector position in North Platte was offered to the top candidate, but turned down. The position has been re-posted, closing the end of August.
- Mr. Miesbach provided an update to the partial funding of the extension position, per Mr. Orton's proposed review. The review found that no signed agreement was put into place for these funds to be provided by the program. No funding is available for future MOU proposals.
- Mr. Miesbach provided an overview of the complaint process.

#### **Item 7. Legislative Report**

None

#### **Item 8. Agency Reports**

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

- UNL budget cuts of 5%-10% could affect several positions.
- Work is back on in Waverly (LPS/Dan Snow) study. Wells are getting in.
- The fall list may include quarry for the Dan Snow study. Nitrate studies in the Bazile area.

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

- Board members received well registration activity reports prior to the meeting via email.
- Mr. Thompson provided an update on the Nebraska Interactive project. Testing continues, with a tentative go live date in September.

- The Department is working with other states on the Missouri River study with regards to the flooding issues of 2019. Work continues with the Corp of Engineers.

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

- NDEE will be fully moved to Fallbrook 12/31/2020.
- 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**

- Region 4 position has been offered and accepted.
- Capacity development report and operator report was submitted to EPA and will be posted on the web page soon.
- Manganese sampling project has been completed.
- GIS mapping is almost complete and will be released to the public soon.
- EPA has a Small System Conference on August 31st-September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The link will be forwarded to anyone interested in attending.

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

- NRD's are busy with chemigation, water sampling and fieldwork.
- Continuing education of online opportunities and documentation protocols were discussed.
- Permit concerns will be addressed at the upcoming Managers meeting. Ms. Lackey suggested that permitting issues be on the Water Conference agenda.

**Item 9. Public Comment**

Mr. Hansen asked where the program was on reviewing previous violations for contractors constructing improper wells. Mr. Miesbach stated that the lack of documentation for that timeframe, stopped the process from moving forward. If future violations are found the issue can be revisited.

**Item 10. Adjourn**

Mr. Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

*Mike Thompson*

September 29, 2020

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**Mike Thompson, Board Secretary**

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**Date**