

**ON-SITE WATER & WASTEWATER TECHNICAL
REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Planning and Development Center
4700 Elmore Road
Anchorage, Alaska**

**January 08, 2020
11:35 a.m.**

Technical Review Board Members Present:

Name

Kurt Sauers
Donna Mears
Mark Swenson
Kyle Brown

Also in attendance

Name

Representing

Deb Wockenfuss	MOA/Development Services Department (DSD)
Rebecca Carroll	MOA/DSD
Ross Noffsinger	MOA/DSD
Bob Doehl	MOA/DSD
Bill Rieth	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Tom Varney	Anchorage Tank & Welding Inc.
Steve Pannone	Pannone Engineering
Wayne Westberg	M-W Drilling, Inc

1. CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR MEARS called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. A quorum was established. Mr. Garness was unavailable.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIR MEARS asked if there were any changes to the agenda. It was noted that public comments should be allowed at the end of the meeting. *Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved with changes.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Brown motioned, and Mr. Sauers seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Water Treatment Backwash

ADEC noted that 18 AAC 72.600 Nondomestic Wastewater was the code section that would need to be assessed at the state level. The volume and frequency of the typical backwash cycle and the resulting hydraulic loading on the septic system was discussed. Staff noted studies that have concluded that water softener backwash is not harmful to a septic system. Industry noted that it is a warranty issue with AWWTS's. It was agreed that these discussions need to be taken up by a subcommittee.

b. PFAS

Testing for PFAS costs \$500. Nobody is aware of PFAS being an issue for private wells within the MOA, so the added cost of testing to the homeowner would not be justified at this time.

5. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL

a. Board report to Assembly

Mr. Swenson motioned, and Mr. Brown seconded. Approved unanimously.

b. Update on 15.55. rewrite

Updates were given with regards to how the staff/industry meetings were going (the second meeting was held on December 18, 2019). It was agreed that items that cannot be resolved between industry and staff should be taken up with the tech board if the process is being held up.

c. Bear Valley Situation

PM&E is still assessing their approval. Staff noted that a decision should be reached by the end of January.

d. GIS nitrate study update

Progress is being made. There will be two color-coded maps – one for nitrate levels and one for nitrate trends. Maps will be live (automatically updated once a week with new data that has been entered into Infor). Discussion on how far back the data entries go.

6. COMMENTS

a. Public:

Tom Varney brought up the discussion regarding whether MOA is still pursuing requiring more than one service provider for AWWTS's and whether MOA was considering homeowner maintenance. Staff responded that both discussions are on-going due to homeowner complaints that have been received.

b. Board: None

c. Staff: None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.