

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

**January 10, 2014
11: 15 a.m.**

Technical Review Board members Present:

Name

Joel Neimeyer
Mark Spafford
Matt Edge
Mark Swanson
Lori Davey

Also in attendance

Name

Representing

Deb Wockenfuss	MOA/Community Development Department (CDD)
Ross Noffsinger	MOA/CDD
Sharen Walsh	MOA/CDD
Bill Rieth	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) ES&PR
Gene McCabe	ADEC/ES&PR
Gloria Collins	ADEC/Drinking Water
Jeff Warner	ADEC/Drinking Water
Susanne Comellas	Citizen

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

CHAIR NEIMEYER called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. All Board members were present and a quorum was established.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIR NEIMEYER asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Minor changes were made. *Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved with changes.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 18, 2013

MR. SPAFFORD motioned and MR. SWENSEN seconded. Approved unanimously

4. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staffs informed the board they were working in winter mode. It was noted 2013 COSA's were up significantly over 2012 and new permits for 2013 were up from 2012 indicating more systems being put in. Also, there would be a lot of staff vacation time coming up.

Ms. Walsh updated the board on an ordinance about policy and regulations up for approval with the assembly. The original ordinance was postponed indefinitely. The original ordinance was so far reaching that every department policy; every piece of paper would have to go to the assembly to review and approval. The legal looked at it and there is a newer version stating polices or handouts that have the force of regulation will need to be reviewed and approved by the

assembly but first the legal department will make the determination if the policy has the force of regulation. A short discussion ensued. It was also noted legal had not taken up the On-Site code yet.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Well Code – Change, not completed.**
- b. Class C Water Systems**

Staff commented the policy before the board came about from the memo last meeting about the state not doing class c water systems and asked if maybe municipal staff should be picking them up. Several ADEC staff spoke and noted the state is not opposed to the municipality taking them over since they don't have the resources. After a lengthy discussion, the board directed staff to come back with answers to the questions of fee costs, how many, and would there be a code change, etc...

* Ms. Davey introduced Ms. Comellas as her possible replacement for her seat on the board, which expired in October of 2013. The board welcomed Ms. Comellas and hoped she would apply for the vacant seat.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Water Code jurisdiction**

Ms. Walsh explained everyone was under the assumption this board handles matters of both water and wastewater. This is incorrect; as noted in Title 4 and Title 15, this board is the On-Site Wastewater Technical Review Board. It doesn't have any codified jurisdiction to advise or regulation water systems. After talking with Jerry, the department director, it was agreed staff would draft new ordinance language and get it down to legal then to the assembly for approval. Staff is so directed.

- b. Septage hauler inspections**

Mr. Spafford spoke about duplication of effort in having two municipal agencies look like they are doing the same thing. AWWU has an interest in improving some of the way the deal with Septage haulers and adding some additional requirements for hauler to be able to dump at stations. AWWU has identified issues they've had with some of the haulers and would like input on some of the inspection requirements. Right now On-Site is the only one who does those inspections. We would like to give a presentation to staff and the board at the next meeting about what some of the issues AWWU is having with Septage haulers and suggest how to incorporate different inspection methods. Discussion continued for several minutes before the board directed staff to work with AWWU prior to the presentation in March.

7. OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

The next meeting date and time were discussed. Two dates were mentioned. A doodle will be sent out to confirm

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.