

**ON-SITE WATER & WASTEWATER TECHNICAL  
REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Planning and Development Center  
Microsoft Teams  
Anchorage, Alaska**

**January 13, 2021  
11:35 a.m.**

**Technical Review Board Members Present:**

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**Name**

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Kurt Sauers  
Donna Mears  
Mark Swenson  
Kyle Brown  
Ed Barrington

**Also, in attendance**

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**Name**

**Representing**

Deb Wockenfuss	MOA/Development Services Department (DSD)
Rebecca Carroll	MOA/DSD
Ross Noffsinger	MOA/DSD
Bill Rieth	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Darlene Galido	(ADEC)
Tom Varney	Anchorage Tank & Welding Inc.
Ted Moore	Flattop Technical Services

**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 / MINUTES**

CHAIR Mears asked for approval of the agenda and if there were any changes to the agenda.

- a. Agenda Approval - *Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.***

CHAIR Mears asked for approval of the minutes and if there were any changes to the minutes.

- b. Minutes Approval - Mr. Brown motioned and Mr. Sauer seconded. Approved unanimously**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Groundwater level adjustments for new septic system design**

Mr. Moore present his findings on groundwater levels observed over the course of a year in test holes on a piece of land currently applying for subdivision. Code has groundwater level adjustments that assume seasonal high groundwater in May and October, but his findings were that this was far from reality on this particular subdivision.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the groundwater adjustment method/table currently in the code needs to be discussed and likely revised. Chair Mears thanked Mr. Moore for the introduction into adjusting the groundwater levels and suggested looking into starting a sub-committee to investigate this and looking into resources from other areas that might be helpful for the next meeting.

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### **5. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL**

#### **a. Update on 15.55 rewrite**

Staff stated we followed the procedure of having people filling out the proposed code change form. We systematically went thru the forms with the group rejecting or accepting the code changes. There are seven to ten changes still being worked on. Staff estimates it will take about three more committee meetings before submitting to the board.

#### **b. 15.65**

Staff pushed this off in favor of the well code rewrite and all we have is a list of suggested changes (the code change form was not utilized when we started this process). Staff will need to compare the list to the draft code to determine what changes were agreed upon. Big on the list should be the ground level adjustment topic.

Chair Mears asked about staff's workload. Staff is currently busy with winter projects, like trying to close out expired permits. Staff noted it might be fall before we can get back to updating the code.

#### **c. Water treatment backwash - postponed**

#### **d. Nitrate testing standards**

We added this to the agenda to talk about mapping and at this time we do not have any feedback on it and people know it is available. Chair Mears thought there was another discussion pertaining to nitrate testing but will have to look back in her notes.

### **6. COMMENTS**

#### **c. Additional public comments**

Mr. Varney thanked Tim Ecklund and staff for their help in sending out letters on maintenance for those who do not have contracts. He announced Advantex would be making big changes this year and will be submitting plans for tank configurations to staff. Advantex is getting out of the fiberglass business and moving into composites.

#### **a. Board member comments**

Board member Sauers asked if our plan was to meet monthly through Microsoft Teams. Chair Mears thought possibly meeting every other month unless something important arises. Board member Sauers was wondering because of the ground water level adjustment topic. After a brief discussion it was agreed to have monthly meeting until summer.

#### **b. Staff comments -**

Staff agreed meeting monthly until summer was a good idea.

### **7. UPCOMING MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting dates were discussed, and it was agreed to continue the meetings until summer. Next meeting is February 10 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.