

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

**March 20, 2019  
11:30 a.m.**

**Technical Review Board Members Present:**

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**Name**

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Donna Mears  
Mark Swenson  
Kyle Brown  
Jeff Garness  
Kurt Sauers

**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)
Steve Pannone	Pannone Engineering
David Mero	

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

CHAIR Mears called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. A quorum was established.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CHAIR Mears 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 - NONE**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Frequency of Meetings**

Chair Mears noted the frequency of the meetings has not been occurring and would like to schedule them on a regular basis. This board meets the second Wednesday of the month. Staff and the board agreed to schedule the meetings monthly.

**b. Introductions**

Moved to the next meeting due to New Department Director being unavailable.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL/REPORTS**

**a. Proposed changes to 15.65**

Chair Mears noted there were a lot of changes and/or clarifications that were emailed out to the board. Staff noted, of the 35 items, a majority of them are simple clean-up items. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed staff would set up a meeting with industry to discuss each proposed change and try to reach consensus with industry before bringing it back to the board for approval and codification. It was requested the changes be incorporated into AMC 15.65 with track changes and if any comment was not implemented that an explanation be provided in writing to document decision. It was mentioned pictures can be incorporated into code, if that helps with clarification of any of the changes.

**b. 15.55 Water wells rewrite**

Chair Mears asked Board member Brown how the Water Well Drillers Association meeting went. Mr. Brown noted he hasn't been hearing of any issues with the code from the association and overall everyone was happy with it. Staff commented they mostly seemed concerned they would not be included in the discussions and we assured them we would notify them of meetings and keeping them notified during the process. It was asked if we are just updating the code to bring it up-to-date or making changes. Staff replied there are concerns that need to be addressed along with bringing it up-to-date. It was decided staff would make a list of proposed changes, as well as ask industry for proposed changes. Once the list of proposed changes is compiled, meetings with industry will start.

**c. Earthquake Update**

Chair Mears stated she received a couple of phone calls regarding how water wells are sluffing, etc....and wondered if staff had heard anything. Staff has not seen or heard of any concerns or issues. Industry has probably received more calls, but we may hear more as we thaw out. Industry noted it wasn't finding very much at the moment.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Mero commented he's getting a lot of calls on the new code regarding the need to replace their tank because it's 30 years old. Staff is not sure where the information is coming from but there is a policy online. When we get calls, we refer them to the policy.

It was asked if a permit was issued prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>but installed after May 1<sup>st</sup>, what the policy would be. Staff replied any permit submitted by end of day on May 1, 2019 can be designed and installed under the old tank requirements. Any permit applications, including renewals, after May 1, 2019 will have to follow the new tank requirements

The next meeting date and time was discussed, and staff will schedule May 8, 2019.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.