

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

**April 14, 2021
11:30 a.m.**

Technical Review Board Members Present:

Name

Donna Mears
Mark Swenson
Kyle Brown
Ed Barrington

Also in attendance

Name

Representing

Jeff Garness	pending reappointment – Board Members
Kurt Sauers	pending reappointment – Board Members
Deb Wockenfuss	MOA/Development Services Department (DSD)
Rebecca Carroll	MOA/DSD
Ross Noffsinger	MOA/DSD
Bill Rieth	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Tom Varney	Anchorage Tank & Welding Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

CHAIR Mears called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. A quorum was established. Jeff Garness and Kurt Sauers are pending re-appointment.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES

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

Mr. Brown motion and Mr. Swenson seconded. Approved unanimously

CHAIR Mears asked if there was a motion for approval of the February minutes.

Mr. Brown motion and Mr. Barrington seconded. Approved unanimously

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Elections – postponed to May meeting

b. Utilizing filter sand to reduce absorption field size – open discussion, forward to May meeting

Mr. Garness spoke of the research he did, and he suggested a working group to develop something we could forward to the board for approval, possibly implementation and regulations. Chair Mears agreed a working group was a good idea and asked for volunteers. Mr. Garness will lead the working group. Mr. Sauers said he was interested in participating.

4. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL

a. Groundwater Level adjustments for new septic system design

Mr. Sauers stated the sub-committee had not met since the initial meeting. Mr. Garness commented Steve Pannone (Pannone Engineering) had been working on this and made note the Idaho code had a good process using soil analysis and some soil modeling. The board continued talking for several minutes and then agreed that another sub-committee meeting should be set up to continue the discussion.

b. Public Outreach/maintenance pamphlet for septic systems

Chair Mears asked if anyone had looked over the social media discussion regarding septic tank inspections/replacement requirements that had been sent out prior to the meeting. Mr. Garness replied he had reviewed it and noted there was a lot of misinformation out there. Previously, a Muni pamphlet on septic system maintenance was included in the COSA paperwork but since we have been emailing the COSA's the pamphlet was dropped. It was discussed and agreed that the MOA should add more information to the pamphlet and start including it with the e-mailed COSAs. Mr. Sauers suggested editorial articles in the paper. Discussion continued regarding sending information to community councils, in newsletters, and to real estate agencies.

c. Nitrate testing standards - no discussion

5. COMMENTS

a. Board member comments - none

b. Staff comments – none

c. Additional public comment – none

Mr. Reith commented we need to do public outreach, so our message gets across instead of misinformation.

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting date and time were discussed. The next meeting will be May 12, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.