

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

**April 12, 2023  
11:30 a.m.**

**Technical Review Board Members Present:**

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**Name**

Jeff Garness  
Kurt Sauers  
Mark Swenson  
Kyle Brown  
Ed Barrington  
Steve Henslee

**Also in attendance**

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**Name**

**Representing**

Deb Wockenfuss	MOA/Development Services Department (DSD)
Curtis Townsend	MOA/DSD
Ross Noffsinger	MOA/DSD
Ben Cogger	MOA/DSD
Bill Rieth	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Tom Varney	Anchorage Tank & Welding Inc.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**

CHAIR Swenson called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. A quorum was established.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES**

CHAIR Swenson asked if there were any changes to the agenda. *Hearing none the agenda was approved. Mr. Garness motioned and Mr. Brown second.*

CHAIR Swenson asked everyone to review the February minutes. Mr. Garness explained he had changes to the minutes and asked they be tabled until the next meeting. **Mr. Garness motioned to table the February minutes until the May meeting. Mr. Barrington seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Remote Monitoring Connection for AdvanTex**

Mr. Varney gave a brief history on the remote monitoring system. Noting he found there have been instances where the homeowner is not using their internet providers router and is using their own router. This is where the system stops monitoring their system because the homeowner forgets the system is hooked up to it and must manually allow each equipment to have access. Discussion revolved around costs, options, monitoring concerns, and what percentage is not being monitored, and could a list be provided to staff. After further discussion the board asked Mr. Varney to provide a list to staff and the board would take this up in the fall.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL**

**a. Water Softeners**

The board continued their discussion on water softener discharge and where it should be discharged too. Mr. Varney mentioned he was at the Anchorage Home Show and talked with Alaska Pure Water Products was also there. They discussed the backwash and studies done by their companies. It is unclear where salty backwash should be sent to, the septic tank, drain field. A lengthy discussion ensued, and it was agreed the homeowner would be notified no salty discharge is allowed and the decision would be left up to the homeowner. Staff commented they added wording in the on-site homeowner's operations and maintenance manual. Staff was asked to submit verbiage before the next meeting.

**b. Update 15.55 rewrite - NONE**

**c. Update 15.65 - NONE**

**5. COMMENTS**

**a. Board comments**

Mr. Sauer notified the board on the upcoming Alaska Water and Wastewater Management Association conference the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. It's a subbranch of AWWA and there will be operators from all over the state attending.

**b. Staff comments**

Staff introduced Ben Cogger as the new on-site inspector, noting he came from Land Use Enforcement and had been with the Municipality for 11 years. The board welcomed him.

**c. Public comment**

Mr. Varney mentioned Anchorage Tank was looking into creating a holding tank. They would be made to order and hold about 3500 gallons. Staff commented they have a meeting with Michael N. Anderson tomorrow regarding the tank. Mr. Varney noted if it's not feasible the idea would be tabled.

**6. UPCOMING MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting was discussed, and it was agreed to postpone the May meeting until the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.