

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

**February 14, 2024
11:40 a.m.**

Technical Review Board Members Present:

Name

Jeff Garness
Kurt Sauers
Mark Swenson
Kyle Brown
Ed Barrington
Carol Perkins
Kris Westberg

Also in attendance

Name

Representing

Curtis Townsend	MOA/Development Services Department (DSD)
Ross Noffsinger	MOA/DSD
Tom Varney	Anchorage Tank & Welding Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES

CHAIR Swenson asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, **Mr. Garness motion and Mr. Barrington seconded. Approved unanimously.**

CHAIR Swenson asked the board to review the minutes. Mr. Sauers noted his name was misspelled. **Mr. Sauers motion and Mr. Barrington seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved with changes.**

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Technical Board makeup – well professional

Chair Swenson stated there is no well professional on the board and what staff is asking is to update the language in the code to include the position. Staff explained the make-up of the board in Title 4 and there is a seventh position that is undefined. After several minutes of discussion, the Board was not inclined to update the code as the position is in code.

Chair Swenson asked the new board member to introduce himself. Kris Westberg briefly introduced himself to the board.

4. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL -

a. Update on 15.55 rewrite

Chair Swenson opened the floor for discussion. Staff explained the rewrite was not up for approval today and is only to inform the board of the status of the rewrite. Staff mentioned the subcommittee had been meeting since October and had only a few more meetings scheduled before finishing the code up. The Board and staff had a lengthy discussion on:

- The goal is not to require water storage tanks for low flow wells. We still have language in our codes that describe water storage tanks if a homeowner decides to install one. It was suggested that we specify NSF 61 drinking water components, rather than just NSF.
- It was suggested that we include separations of GROUNDWATER DEWATERING SUMPS in table A-1. This separation is 25'. It is suggested to specifically call this out on the table.
- We have language in our code to regulate groundwater monitoring wells that are otherwise not regulated by another agency. It was suggested that we consider excluding geotechnical groundwater monitoring wells in our code.
- It was suggested that we make water well vaults more of an acceptable solution. It was suggested that an artesian well plug is one option that can be considered.
- Presently our code does not allow *new* well pits but allows existing well pits to remain in service if they meet certain conditions. It was suggested that we disallow existing well pits. This would be controlled at time of COSA where if a well is in a pit, it needs to be retrofitted.
- It was suggested that we remove the language that requires eliminating cross connections in water wells in the case of high nitrate wells.

Discussion concluded with when the final draft would come before the board, legal and the assembly.

- b. **Update on 15.65 – No update.**

5. COMMENTS

- a. **Board comments - None**
- b. **Staff comments - None**
- c. **Public comment - None**

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is March 13. The board discussed postponing meetings through the summer months. Everyone agreed to postpone meetings during the summer months. Please send agenda items to the Chair and Tana.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.