

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

**February 15, 2023**

**Technical Review Board Members Present:**

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**Name**

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

**Also in attendance**

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**Name**

**Representing**

Curtis Townsend	MOA/Development Services Department (DSD)
Ross Noffsinger	MOA/DSD
Bill Rieth	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Tom Varney	Anchorage Tank & Welding Inc
Matthew Behaylo	Anchorage Tank & Welding Inc

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

CHAIR Swenson called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. A quorum was established. Mr. Henslee arrived at 12:32 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES**

CHAIR Swenson asked if there were any changes to the agenda. *Hearing none, the agenda was unanimously approved.* **Mr. Sauer motioned and Mr. Barrington second. Approved unanimously.**

CHAIR Swenson asked everyone to review the January minutes before asking for a motion to approve. **Mr. Sauer motioned and Mr. Brown second. Approved unanimously.**

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Elections**

Chair Swenson turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Garness for chair nominations. **Vice Chair Garness called for chair nominations and nominated Mr. Swenson. Mr. Sauers also nominated Mr. Swenson to continue as chair. Mr. Barrington second. Unanimously Approved.**

Chair Swenson called for Vice Chair Nominations. **Mr. Sauers nominated Mr. Garness. Mr. Barrington second. Unanimously Approved.**

**b. Wells with High Nitrates**

Mr. Garness expressed concern regarding wells with high nitrates and the need to identify the source of the problem (septic systems, well construction, natural occurrence, or other sources). There was a lengthy discussion amongst the board and staff.

**c. Water Softeners**

Mr. Varney asked the board how we define elsewhere for water softener discharge and what is the best way to get the word out. After a lengthy conversation on adding a checkbox to a municipal checklist asking if you have or are adding a water softener, putting it on industry to ask, getting the service provider to notify the owner that there's a potential issue earlier, or putting out an informational pamphlet. It was agreed Mr. Varney would draft a document and share it at the next meeting.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL**

**a. Proposal for reduced application rates when using sand filters**

Mr. Garness briefly update the board on the sub-committee meeting and what was agreed upon at the end. The board agreed to close the matter.

**b. Update on 15.55 rewrite – None**

**c. 15.65 – None**

**d. Procedures for closing On-Site permits**

Chair Swenson asked if there was anything new to discuss. Staff replied there was nothing new. After a short discussion, the board and staff agreed to table this discussion and take it off the agenda until fall.

**5. COMMENTS**

**a. Board comments**

Mr. Garness informed the board and staff he had reached out to Doctor Dobson at UAA regarding the possibility of some grad students doing some sampling testing of AWWTS units, and potentially nitrates. Doctor Dobson said he would put out feelers.

Mr. Garness commented he would like to add to March's agenda an EPA permit that was being issued from discharge permit down in Indiana and it had some great data was compiled by a raincoat that correlated turbidity, VOD and to assessment that may be a very inexpensive way for us to know title transfer and be pulling and pulling up in addition to your inspection report and the RECO.

Mr. Sauer asked if anyone was going to the Water Well Association conference. Several members expressed interest and had not realized the conference was being held this month.

**b. Staff comments - None**

**c. Public comment - None**

**6. UPCOMING MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting will be March 8, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m. **Mr. Garness motioned to adjourn. Mr. Barrington second.**