

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

**May 24, 2023
11:30 a.m.**

Technical Review Board Members Present:

Name

Jeff Garness
Kurt Sauers
Mark Swenson
Kyle Brown
Ed Barrington

Also in attendance

Name

Representing

Deb Wockenfuss	MOA/Development Services Department (DSD)
Curtis Townsend	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 Swenson called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. A quorum was established. Mr. Henslee was unavailable.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES

CHAIR Swenson asked the board to review the agenda. **Mr. Garness motioned, and Mr. Barrington seconded. Approved unanimously.**

Chair Swenson asked the board to review the minutes of February 15, 2023, and April 1, 2023. **Mr. Garness motioned to approve the minutes of February 15, 1012, and April 12, 2023. Mr. Sauer seconded. Approved unanimously.**

3. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

4. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL

a. Water Softener verbiage

Chair Swenson asked staff to update the board on the verbiage that was sent out. Staff replied they had put verbiage in the Owner's Guide for wells and septic, it says "if you have a water softener or are considering a water softener, please reach out to the Department to discuss the pros and cons of softened water and its effects on your septic system." The board and staff discussed the verbiage and suggestions were made.

b. Update on 15.55 rewrite - None

c. Update on 15.65 - None

The board asked if any progress had been made on the rewrite and updates. Staff replied no, there is not enough staff and time. General discussion was on the possibility of addressing them in the fall during the meetings, creating a sub-committee, and notifying industry early and often.

5. COMMENTS

a. Board comments –

This is the last meeting before summer, unless staff thinks we need to meet but it looks like everyone is going to be busy. It was agreed if something comes up a meeting would be scheduled.

b. Staff comments

Staff informed the board the Assembly is really keen on ending the housing crisis. They are proposing changes and there is the possibility of them pushing into the hillside on-site water and wastewater area and how can we relax the wastewater code requirements to allow more density. The board thanked staff for the heads up.

Mr. Garness' inquired how staff was doing on getting records drawings turned in. Staff noted they haven't checked lately but believe the pile has grown because they haven't had time to contact anyone.

c. Public comment

Mr. Varney asked if staff had met with Mike Anderson regarding a holding tank. Staff replied they had met with him and has not heard back from him. He noted he had not heard back from him either.

Mr. Barrington left at 12:44.

Mr. Varney estimates between 35 and 40% of AdvanTex systems do not have remote monitoring capabilities. This is due to homeowners not willing to connect, landlines no longer connected to the house, or homeowners not knowing this is required.

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed not meeting during the summer months and taking up board matters in the fall. The next meeting would be September 13, at 11:30 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Garness motioned to adjourn. Mr Brown second. The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.