

# **WATER WELL STANDARDS & CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD MEETING**

## **December 14, 2022**

Tonny Beck, Chairman, called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. with roll call. Copies of the agenda were emailed to board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The meeting was advertised, and the Open Meetings Act was publicized on the Public Notice page of the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy's website on November 23, 2022.

### **Item 1. Roll Call**

PRESENT:           Tonny Beck                                 Daniel Mackin  
                          Mike Thompson                         Sue Lackey  
                          Scott Grosch                                 Lynn Webster  
                          Laura Johnson                                Brian Whitesel

ABSENT:           Cody Christensen  
OTHERS:           Jason Orton, Lee Orton, Dan Egeland, Becky Schuerman, Jim  
                          Macy, Steve Goans, Pam Miller, Dave Miesbach, Scott Snell, Andy  
                          Kahle, and Tim Sizer.

### **Item 2. Adoption of Agenda**

Ms. Johnson moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.  
Voting yes: Beck, Grosch, Johnson, Lackey, Mackin, Thompson, Webster, Whitesel.  
Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

### **Item 3. Budget**

The Nebraska Well Drillers Association board voted to support lobbying and proposing a legislative bill for general funding of the Water Well Standards Program. The proposed budget would be \$750,000 per year with staffing of 5 FTEs to remain the same. The Association is willing to take the lead in lobbying and recruitment of senators to help support this bill.

Mr. Webster made the motion to authorize the Program Sustainability Committee to assist with the development of a legislative bill to secure \$750,000 of annual appropriations from the general fund to sustain the Water Well Standards Program at its current staffing level at the Department of Environment and Energy. Mr. Mackin seconded the motion. Voting yes: Beck, Grosch, Lackey, Mackin, Thompson, Webster, Whitesel. Voting no: none. Abstain: Johnson. Motion carried.

**Item 4. Public Comment**

Mr. Lee Orton requested a copy of today's motion by the board authorizing the committee to assist in development of a legislative bill for future funding. Water Well Standards Program (WWSP) will provide this request by the end of the day.

**Item 5. Adjourn**

Mr. Webster moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

*Mike Thompson*

January 25, 2023

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**Mike Thompson, Board Secretary**

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**Date**