

**WATER WELL STANDARDS & CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD MEETING
April 6, 2022**

Brian Whitesel, Co-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. with roll call. The meeting was held at 245 Fallbrook Blvd-Room 031 LL-Lincoln, NE. Copies of the agenda were emailed to board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The meeting was advertised on the Public Notice page of the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy's website. The Open Meetings Act was posted at the front entrance of the room.

Item 1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Brian Whitesel Dan Mackin
 Sue Lackey Scott Grosch
 Mike Thompson
 Lynn Webster

ABSENT: Tonny Beck, Cody Christensen, and Sue Dempsey
OTHERS: Jason Orton, Lee Orton, Dan Egeland, Mark Graf, Dave Miesbach,
 Becky Schuerman, Steve Goans, and Pam Miller.

Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Lackey moved that the agenda be adopted. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. Voting yes: Thompson, Mackin, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, and Webster. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Item 3. Consideration of Minutes of Board Meeting – February 14, 2022

Mr. Thompson moved that the minutes be adopted with the revision of adding Mr. Miesbach to the others present at the meeting. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. Voting yes: Thompson, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, and Webster. Voting no: none. Abstain: Mackin, Motion carried.

Item 4: Introduction and Welcome of New Board Member

Mr. Miesbach introduced new Board member; Dan Mackin. Mr. Webster was appointed for a second term on the board.

Item 5. Continuing Education Requests

1-Authentic Drilling Boot Camp, Kiowa, CO, by Authentic Drilling will be held April 14, 2022; Sherri Meiklejohn

Requests: 8 hrs. Recommended: 7.5 hrs.

2- NSC First Aid, CPR & AED Course, Lincoln, NE, by State of NE-Department of Administration, ongoing; David Miesbach

Requests: 7 hrs. Recommended: request was tabled.

3-GW Monitoring Council Meeting, Lincoln and Zoom, By NDEE, will be held April 12, 2022; Dan Inman

Requests: 2 hrs. Recommended: 2 hrs.

4-Pfas in Rain, Webinar, by Woodard and Curran, was held on March 8, 2022: Roger Dinsmore

Requests: 1 hr. Recommended: 1 hr.

5-Water Programs Conference, Kearney, NE, by NARD was held on March 1, 2022; Jennifer Swanson

Requests: 6 hr. Recommended: 6 hrs.

6-Preferred Pump Workshop, Grand Island, NE, by Preferred Pump was held on March 26, 2022; Victor Silva

Requests: 4 hr. Recommended: 4 hrs.

Mr. Thompson, CEU Committee Chair, submitted the recommendations for Board approval of CEU hours as stated. Voting yes: Thompson, Mackin, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, and Webster. Voting no: none. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Item 6: Proctor Requests

1. Mandy Kearney
2. Chris Sukstorf
3. Sara Rudloff
4. Ericka Sanders
5. Connie Hughes

Mr. Webster made the motion to approve all proctors as stated. Ms. Lackey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Thompson, Mackin, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, and Webster. Voting no: none. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Item 7. Program Report

Mr. Miesbach presented the program report that was included in the Board packet. It outlined the declaratory orders/pre-notifications, inspections, violations, licensing and testing information.

- Mr. Miesbach provided a review of the program report.
- Inspection update was provided.
- Update on licensing program. Renewal year.
- Presentation on new NDEE online portal and license look-up.
- Funding of the program was addressed. NWDA would like to assist and be a part of future funding discussions.
- New regulation status update. Draft regulations have been sent to the Governor's office for approval to start the public process. Sub-committees will be set up in the future.
- Village of Davey has a public water supply well that is out of service and will be decommissioned. AWS would like to use their squeeze method to put in grout in the annular space before decommissioning. WWS will dye test to see if that seal is doing what it's supposed to do.
- WWS has 2 packers, currently in storage, that will be going to surplus.
- Dye testing will take place in the next couple of weeks in Lincoln.

Item 8. Legislative Report

- All budget bills have been adopted.
- 50 million dollars for infrastructure repair and rehabilitation for surface irrigation projects which will impact ground water recharge.
- LR348 review of occupational regulations for master plumbers.
- Legislature will adjourn on April 20, 2022.

Break: 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Item 9. Agency Reports

A. UNL – Conservation & Survey – Sue Lackey

- Nebraska Groundwater Level Monitoring Report 2021 has been published.
- CSD 2021 Annual Report & infographic (handout) completed.
- Spring groundwater level measurement started.

B. Department of Natural Resources – Mike Thompson

- Mr. Thompson provided a presentation on the map functions for well search.
- The new address change has created mail issues with the recent move to Fallbrook, but they should be resolved within the next month as

more people become aware of it. The water well professionals were notified at the same time the website forms were updated.

- New hire for the groundwater registration team started registering wells this week.

C. Department of Environment and Energy – Sue Dempsey.

- No report provided.

D. Natural Resources Districts – Lynn Webster

- Spring static water levels have been completed.
- Irrigation of winter wheat has already started.
- Groundwater levels are down.
- NDEE and NRD districts are meeting for better communication and collaboration.

E. DHHS – Division of Public Health – Position is pending representation

- DHHS has been notified of the need to fill this position per statute. To date no response has been provided by the Department.

Item 10. Public Comment

Mr. Orton with NGWA shared that this year's conference was a great success at the new event center in Kearney with over 600 attendees. The Geology tour this year will be in Omaha September 7th.

Item 11. Closed Session

Mr. Grosch made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Ms. Lackey at 12:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of current licensee, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individual. Voting yes: Thompson, Mackin, Whitesel, Grosch, Lackey, and Webster. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Webster made the motion to come out of closed session at 12:21 p.m., seconded by Mr. Mackin.

Item 12. Adjourn

Mr. Webster moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Mike Thompson

May 9, 2022

Mike Thompson, Board Secretary

Date