

NWLEPG BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 7th, 2019 @ 12:00PM
Thomas County Office Complex – Board Room
Approved after amended on June 6th, 2019

County / Board Member	6/6	6/21	9/23	11/1	1/3	3/7
(CN) Derek J. Barnheart						
(DC) Marilyn Gamblin	X			X		X
(GL) Corbin Meyers						
(GO) Duane Vollbracht	X	X		X	X	X
(LE) Arlene Doll					X	
(LG) Rhonda Sperber	X	X		X	X	X
(RA) Louis Sabatka, Treasurer	X	X		X		X
(SC) Monica Beeson		X		X	X	
(SD) Joe Bainter, President	X	X		X	X	X
(SH) Donna Terry, Vice President	X	X		X	X	X
(TH) Brad Flipse	X	X		X	X	X
(TR) Wesley Hobbs		X			X	X
(WA) Bruce Bolen					X	

LEPG Staff: Tim Hansen and Connie Albers

Guest(s): Brad Marcuson came in place for Marilyn Gamblin DC representative. Shirley and Raymond Weber.

1. Determination of a quorum

The meeting was called to order at 12:02PM by President Joe Bainter with a quorum of seven voting members present. Wesley Hobbs arrived shortly after the meeting began making a total of eight voting members.

2. Additions/approval of Agenda

- Add "Appoint Executive Committee (Employee Evaluation)" after the "Audit/Budget Executive Committee"
 - Proposed by Donna

Donna moved to approve the agenda as amended. Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Duane moved that minutes from the previous meeting be approved as read. Louis seconded. Motion carried.

4. Executive Session

Joe moved to take 15 mins. to discuss client attorney privileges in executive session. Donna seconded. Motion passed.

- Joe called the meeting back to order at 12:25 PM.

No actions were taken.

5. Executive Session

Donna requested an additional 15 minutes in executive session to discuss client attorney privileges. Duane seconded. Motion carried.

- Joe called the meeting back to order at 12:40PM.

Duane moved to retain the legal counsel of Craig Uhrich. Louis seconded. Motion carried.

6. Shirley Weber – 10-minute limit

Shirley stated that she had heard a contractor was supposed to attend the board meeting. She also stated that contractor was attending to accuse her of approving an illegal septic system here in Thomas County. Contractor did not show, so she gave her remaining time back to the board.

7. Financial Report

- Nine Septic System Contractor's still need to pay the \$300 annual licensing fee for this year.
- Coming due are a few bills we will discuss later.
- Louis was curious what the negative three cents was under the personnel salary column. Connie responded that it was a paycheck error. QuickBooks did not match the check book or bank statement.

- Lane County has requested a second water test pickup. The community has been stirred up by a water line breaking by Healy, and being put on boiled water advisory.

Duane moved to approve the financials as presented. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

8. Appoint Executive Committee (Audit/Budget)

- If a committee is appointed, then we will not have to meet again for the budget.

Donna moved that the Committee members consist of Louis, Duane, Donna, and Brad. Duane seconded. Motion carried.

9. Appoint Executive Committee (Employee Evaluation)

- Donna believes the board should give the NWLEPG Director performance feedback, just as Tim has done for Connie with an employee evaluation.

Joe moved to appoint Donna and Rhonda to this committee. Wesley seconded. Motion carried.

10. Tim's Report

- KDHE meeting in Hays. It was a very snowy day. Some people were not able to attend, and the meeting was cut short because of the weather.
- At the KDHE meeting, the regulations for septic system pumpers were discussed. We are planning on revising our pumper regulations.
- Tim was asked to speak at the Hays meeting about the NWLEPG water testing program.
- Sean from Saline County also talked about their water testing. He has charged upwards of \$250 for a Loan/Mortgage water test.
- Talked about the county codes. The State believes it's been around 20 years since the code has been updated. The State would like everyone to at least look over their codes.
- Kansas Groundwater Association Conference in Wichita.
 - Water well drillers would like to police themselves. If you break the seal on a water well, you should be a licensed driller.
 - KDHE will be opening Article 30 for revision.
- Small Flows conference in Lawrence.
 - KDHE was not able to attend because of inclement weather conditions.
 - Sean Estral gave a very informative talk on Radon. Radon levels in the homes of Saline County are very high.
- 38 people present at the Contractor Workshop.
 - NRCS gave a presentation
 - Chad Zimmerman talked about right-of-way's and easements.
 - Dan Wells gave a presentation on floor drains.
 - BBQ lunch was provided by Chamberlain Concrete.
 - Coffee and donuts in the morning was provided by Hajoca.
- Greeley County Health Fair is April 13th and they asked Tim to run a water testing booth.
- On March 21st, we will have a meeting with the Soil Conservation Districts.
- We would like to have the Septic System Pumpers submit their pumping and disposal records to us.
- On the white board, there are currently nine systems on hold with contractor's at Cedar Bluff.
- Another big project will be acquiring more grant funding from the Hansen Foundation.
- Recently, there have been four violations. One has been turned over to the Thomas County Attorney for legal action.
- There are three abandoned wells right here in Thomas County. Cost share available for plugging a well is about nine dollars a foot.

11. Connie's Report

- Went over the new website. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for other content to include on the website, please e-mail it to Connie.
- Discussed past minutes on the website, and will only be uploading the minutes from now forward.
- Discussed paying for the website by eliminating the dedicated fax line.
- The board would like the Health Departments within the NWLEPG area linked on the website.
- Discussed the new logo. Would like it to have just "NWLEPG" and the symbol.

- The website will cost twenty dollars once a year for the domain, and thirteen or fourteen dollars a month for hosting.

12. Executive Session

Joe made a motion to go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel. Donna seconded. Motion passed.

- Joe called the meeting back to order at 2:00PM.

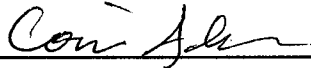
Louis moved to give Connie a dollar an hour raise. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment

Donna moved to tentatively set the next board meeting date for Thursday, June the 13th at 6 PM. Brad seconded. Motion passed.

With no other business before the board, Duane made a motion to adjourn, Wesley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:06PM.

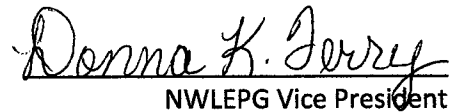
Respectfully Submitted



Connie Albers, NWLEPG Secretary



NWLEPG President



NWLEPG Vice President