

NWLEPG BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2021 @ Noon

Thomas County Office Complex – Board Room

Board Approved on September 9, 2021

County / Board Member	6/6	9/12	12/4	3/12	6/4	9/3	12/3	3/11	5/13
(CN) Derek J. Barnhart, Vice President	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(GL) Justin Phillips		X		X			X		X
(GO) Duane Vollbracht, President	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(LE) Bud Newberry			X	X				X	
(LG) Dana Charles		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
(RA) Louis Sabatka, Treasurer	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
(SC) Monica Beeson	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
(SD) Joe Bainter	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
(SH) Jennifer Cure	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(TH) Mike Baughn	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
(TR) Jared Hager		X	X		X	X	X	X	
(WA) Michael Cowles	X		X	X	X			X	

LEPG Staff: Tim & Connie

Guest(s): Alan Solko

1. Determination of a quorum

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Duane with a quorum of 9 voting members present.

2. Additions/approval of Agenda

- Tim - add a second Executive Session and add 9. A. County Codes.

Derek motioned to approve agenda as amended. Monica seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mike motioned to approve last meetings minutes as is. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report

- Fairly close our line-item budget and where we thought we would be
- Increase in commercial projects. Right now, have 12 commercial projects on the board, at one point we had 14.

Derek motioned that the financials are great and to approve as is. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

5. Executive Session – Personnel

Duane moved to go into executive session at 12:09 PM for 15 minutes. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

- Came out of executive session at 12:24 PM with no action taken.

6. Executive Session – Personnel

Duane moved to go into executive session at 12:24 PM for 5 minutes. Monica seconded. Motion carried.

- Came out of executive session at 12:29 PM with no action taken.

Joe motioned to go back into executive session at 12:32 PM for 10 minutes for personnel. Derek seconded. Motion carried.

- Came out of executive session at 12:36 PM with no action taken.

7. Budget FY-2022

- NWLEPG has not asked for an increase in fees to the counties since 2015. The current fees for the counties are \$100 per water test and \$150 per wastewater system.
- Reason for requesting the increase in counties fees are to fund health insurance for the two employees of the NWLEPG.
- Three different budget options were presented to the board and discussed. Option #2 would increase the county fees to \$135 per water test and \$225 per wastewater system. Which would increase our budget around \$15,000.

- Joe stated that the Sheridan County commissioners think for what they're paying the NWLEPG for the services Sheridan County receives, they're getting a bargain. They couldn't hire someone to do what the NWLEPG does for Sheridan County.
- Alan stated that groups like the NWLEPG work great as long as every county stays in, but once counties start to opt out, the group now becomes defunct and will eventually ruin the organization.
- Duane stated that some counties might not realize the liability they could get into if they were to leave the group and hire a part time person to take over those responsibilities as a county.
- No board member opposed option #2 as the fiscal year 2022 budget.

Monica motioned to approve the option #2 as the fiscal year 2022 budget. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

8. Car Lease

- Ghumm's Auto Treasures, which used to be Harries Auto, quote on a leased car is to the penny what it has been in the past years when it was Harries Auto.

Joe made the motion to go with Ghumm's Auto Treasures for a 2019 to 2021 Malibu for \$402 per month for twelve months. Derek Seconded. Motion carried.

9. Office Insurance

- We have changed office insurance carriers and will save about \$502 a year as per the discussion from the last board meeting.

10. County Billing end of June

- Discussed end of the fiscal year county billing.

A. County Codes

- Tim went over the TR County Code adoption progress. Everything is going well and the TR Co. Committee has entered into the final stage of the county code changing process.
- Property Transfers belong in the NWLEPG County Codes. This would help transfer property and no liability to the new owner.

11. Adjournment

- The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 9, 2021 @ noon.

With no other business before the board Joe made a motion to adjourn, Derek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1:27 PM.

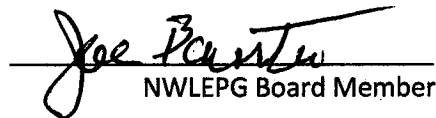
Respectfully Submitted



Connie Albers, NWLEPG Secretary



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