**NWLEPG BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 12th, 2025 @ Noon**

**Thomas County Office Complex – Board Room**

Conference call/Microsoft Teams-\*

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| **County / Board Member** | **12-14** | **3-14** | **6-13** | **9-19** | **12-9** | **3-20** | **6-12** |
| **(CN)** Mike Hansen | X | X | X | X | X | X\* |  |
| **(GL)** Jesse Randolph |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |
| **(GO)** Adam Teeter |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |
| **(LE)** Arlene Doll |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **(LG)** Dana Charles, Treasurer | X\* | X | X | X |  |  | X |
| **(RA)** Alan Solko, Vice President | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **(SC)** Monica Beeson | X\* | X\* | X\* | X\* |  | X\* | X\* |
| **(SD)** KyleEmigh |  |  |  |  |  | X\* |  |
| **(SH)** Jennifer Cure | X\* |  | X | X\* | X |  |  |
| **(TH)** Mike Baughn |  | X | X | X |  |  | X |
| **(TR)** Jerry White | X | X |  | X | X | X\* | X |
| **(WA)** Aften Gardner |  |  | X\* | X\* | X |  | X\* |

LEPG Staff: Brice Cronn & Pauline Griffin

Guest(s):

1. **Determination of a quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 11:56am by Alan with a quorum of 8 voting members present.

1. **Additions/approval of Agenda**.

* Motion to approve by Jerry and 2nd by Mike. Motion approved.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

* Motion to approve by Jerry and 2nd by Jesse. Motion approved.

1. **Financial Report**

* Motion to approve by Dana and 2nd by Adam. Motion approved.

1. **Brice Report**

* On May 5th Brice spoke about the Thomas County board of health convening to discuss livestock waste runoff and burial of animal carcasses. Brice and Kendra Glassman of the Thomas County Health Department will head a committee to assist Thomas County in passing an updated environmental/sanitary code.
* Brice gave an update on recent septic systems in the works, coordinating with KDHE on the area needs, and spring water screening collections. A notable project has been Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks wastewater plans for a new building in Thomas County as the Jack Kriss Wildlife area.
* Brice also attended the Know Water Summit in Hays on June 3rd and has been speaking with Johnson County Environmental Health on support for LEPP funding requests made to the state legislature.

1. **Low Income Wastewater Grant**

* **KDHE has informed Brice that our application for Low-income Wastewater Replacement Grant funds has been accepted and approved for 2026. Funds should be available in July.**

1. **Shallow Water Technical Assistant Grant**

* **Shallow Water Technical Assistance has been restarted after the federal freeze and we are currently coordinating with our TA partner’s, Kansas Rural Water Association and Midwest Assistance Program to begin planning for the next steps.**
* **As part of the restart, Brice asked Scott County for a resolution to allow NWLEPG to apply for prefunding of $2.2 million from the State Revolving Fund in anticipation of the potential needs of the community. We will likely not need this funding as we wish to assist Shallow Water in forming a political subdivision for the purposes of apply for state low-income wastewater grant funding as an individual entity.**

1. **Sweep Stakes**

* In effort to increase drinking water screening awareness, we wish to establish a sweepstakes as part of our screening program.

1. **Budget**

* Motion by Mike to increase county billing of wastewater permits to $350. 2nd by Jerry. Motion approved.
* Motion by Jerry to increase county water tests billing to #175. 2nd by Adam. Motion approved.
* Motion to approve cost of living increase for Pauline of 50 cent per hour increase to 15.75 and a salary increase of 7,500 for Brice for an annual increase to 52,500. Jerry made a motion 2nd by Dana.
* Motion to approve budget showing net income of 22,546 Dana by. 2nd by Jesse. Motion approved.

1. **Elections**

* Motion by Mike to nominate Alan for President. 2nd By Jerry. Motion approved.
* Motion by Jerry to nominate Adam for Vice President. 2nd by Jerry. Motion approved.
* Motion by Alan nominate Dana for Treasure. 2nd by Jerry. Motion approved.

1. **Signature Card**

* moved to add Alan Solko and Adam Teeter to signature card, and remove Duane, Joe, and Tim from signature card By Jerry. 2nd by Adam. Motion approved.

1. **Meeting Remotely**

* **With the Challenges of coordinating these meetings. Brice would like to encourage board members become familiar with Microsoft Teams, installing this on their phones or computers.**

1. **Adjournment**

* **Board will reconvene to approve minutes following adjournment.**
* The next board quarterly meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept 25th at noon**.**
* With no business before the board Adam made a motion to adjourn Jesse seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at pm

**Respectfully Submitted-** Brice Cronn