

TENNESSEE BOARD OF WATER QUALITY, OIL, AND GAS
Davy Crockett Tower, Conference Room 1A
500 James Robertson Parkway
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Summary of Action on Agenda Items of the
April 15, 2025
Meeting of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas

Members Present at TN Tower:

Gary Bible, Elaine Boyd, Dodd Galbreath,
Amanda Goff, Sam Marshall, Neal Whitten,
Terry Wimberley, John Schwartz

Members Present Virtually:

Brent Galloway

Absent: Frank McGinley

Chair: Dodd Galbreath

Technical Secretary: April Grippo

Due to technical difficulties, this meeting of the Tennessee Water Quality, Oil & Gas Board Meeting was not recorded. All votes were manually recorded by the Technical Secretary. All PowerPoints and documentation are available on the Board's website.

- The meeting continued with a roll call of the Board Members present.
 - o 9 members were present in the room, 1 member joined via Microsoft Teams
 - o **Quorum established.**
- Chairman Galbreath welcomed the Board members and entertained a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes.
 - o Neal Whitten motioned to approve the minutes from October 15, 2024.
 - o Seconded by Kevin Davis
 - **Vote 10-0**
 - **Passed**

Initial Order – *Smelter Service Corp. v. TDEC* – WPC21-0130 & WPC21-0131

- This order was presented by Shelby Ward with TDEC's Office of General Counsel. The Board had no questions.
- One public comment was heard from Sherry Jacobs, a lawyer with Smelter Service Corp., she told the Board that Smelter Service Corp. does not object to the OGC presentation and agrees the Board should not pick up the case.
 - o Mr. Whitten motioned to not take up *Smelter Service Corp. v. TDEC*
 - Seconded by Elaine Boyd
 - **Vote 10-0**
 - o **Passed**

Initial Order – *TDEC v. LDL Investments Enterprises, inc.* WPC23-018 was not heard by the Board and skipped on the agenda.

Stephanie Durman, Deputy General Counsel with OGC gave the Board a legislative update on bills that impacted the Division of Water Resources. The bills discussed were:

- HB0541/SB0670 – Wetlands
 - George Nolan with Southern Environmental Law Center made a public comment
 - Ellen Strupp with the TN Ecological Restoration Association made a public comment.
- HB0612/SB0664 – Stream Mitigation
 - Ellen Strupp with the TN Ecological Restoration Association made a public comment.
- HB0542/SB1139 – Utility Plans
- HB0543/SB1138 – Sewage
- HB0896/SB0880 – Sound Science

Division of Water Resources Director April Grippo gave an explanatory presentation on the Governor's Executive Order 108 to Conserve the Duck River Watershed.

Division of Water Resources Updates – Director Grippo

- Michael Atchley who was the Manager of the Division's Knoxville Field Office is now the Deputy Director overseeing permitting.
- Vojin Janjic who was the manager of the Division's Water-Based Systems Unit has accepted the Technical Services Fellow position.
- Sarah Terpstra who is in the Water-Based System Unit has filled the vacated manager position.
- Eddie Gordon has accepted the role as manager of the Natural Resources Unit
- Gregg Overstreet has become the manager over the Jackson Field Office and Shari Winburn has become the manager over the **Knoxville** Field Office.
- An update was given on decentralized system compliance concerns.
- An update was given on biosolids concerns.
- Aquatic Resource Alteration Permits, the issuance of General Permits, and the public hearing that was held.
- The Heroes of Helene event that occurred in east TN.
- A final update on the results of the Wetland Summer Study.

Mr. Whitten requested that at the next meeting the Division give an update on the EPA deregulatory push.

John Schwartz requested an update on how federal infrastructure bills effect the State Revolving Fund.

Ms. Boyd motioned to Adjourn.

- Amanda Goff seconded.
 - **Vote: 10-0**
 - **Meeting Adjourned**

SUBMITTED

April Grippo

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Technical Secretary

08/21/2025

Date

**APPROVED BY THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF WATER QUALITY, OIL AND
GAS**

Dodd Galbreath

Dodd Galbreath, Chair
Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas

08/26/2025

Date