

**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**  
**October 15, 2024**  
**Meeting of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas**

**Members Present at TN Tower:**

Gary Bible, Elaine Boyd, Dodd Galbreath,  
Jane Yackley, Sam Marshall, Neal Whitten,  
Terry Wimberley, John Schwartz

**Members Present Virtually:**

Brent Galloway

**Absent:** Frank McGinley

**Chair:** Dodd Galbreath

**Technical Secretary:** April Grippo

A full recording of this meeting is available on the WQ/O&G Board's website. All votes were manually recorded by the Technical Secretary. All PowerPoints and documentation are available on the Board's website.

- April Grippo began the meeting with welcoming the new Board Members:
  - o Amanda Goff, replacing Jane Yackley as the Department of Health's Commissioner's designee.
- 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 April 16, 2024
  - o Seconded by Terry Wimberley
    - **Vote 10-0**
      - **Passed**

**Public comments during the Board meeting**

- Working with the new Board manual, Chairman Galbreath lead a discussion with the Board about public comments during meetings. Confirming time is limited to 3 minutes, pre-registered individuals will go first, followed by anyone else who may have arrived late or not registered.
  - o Elaine Boyd made a motion to allow public comments to be considered at the time of the associated agenda item and be limited to three minutes and those comments may be shared by those who have pre-registered with the yellow cards or who are participating virtually.
  - o Seconded by Gary Bible

- **Vote 10-0**
  - **Passed**

Initial Order – *S and H Mining Inc. v. TDEC* – APD Case No. 04.30-236510J

- Shelby Ward, with the Office of General Counsel presented the case to the Board. Informing the Board that the case ended with a default and dismissal due to S and H Mining not showing up or participating in the pre-hearing conference.
- Ms. Ward continued explaining to the Board their authority in this case and what their options are.
- Mr. Whitten made a motion to not review the initial order for *S and H Mining v TDEC*
  - Seconded by Mr. Bible
    - **Vote 9-0-1** (Brent Galloway abstained from this vote)
      - **Passed**

The Board then heard presentations on 4 different topics from TDEC staff. No votes were had during this time.

- A presentation from Division of Water Resources Director, April Grippo. She presented to the Board the Wetland Summer Study. This study was crafted by TDEC staff and presented to the TN Senate Committee on Energy, Agriculture, and Natural Resources.
  - A public comment was recorded by Bill Penny.
- A presentation from DWR Fellow, Britton Dotson. He presented to the Board about decentralized systems. A statewide survey of land application areas utilizing drip dispersal for wastewater management.
  - After Mr. Dotson answered questions from multiple members of the Board, the Chair opened for public comment on this topic.
    - John Edwards, Mayor of Cedar Hill
    - Paul Davis
    - Tony Wheeler
    - Stephanie Biggs, Attorney with Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC)
    - Ryan Jackwood, Harpeth Conservancy
- A presentation from Patrick Parker, Senior Associate Counsel with OGC on Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program (TSMP) Settlement.
  - After Mr. Parker answered a question from the Board, the Chair opened for public comment on this topic.
    - George Nolan, Director of SELC's Nashville Office.
- A presentation from Ms. Ward. She gave a presentation on the newly updated Water Quality, Oil and Gas Board manual. The entirety of the manual is available on the Board's website.

Division of Water Resources Updates – Director April Grippo

- The Third Party Bill (SB1200/HB1892) that allows certain 3<sup>rd</sup> party professionals to conduct functions that are usually conducted by TDEC.

- TDEC has convened a water reuse taskforce. The reuse space has been developing faster than our regulations. Therefore, this taskforce is to gather an array of individuals to help work towards water reuse regulations in the state.
- Ms. Grippo discussed biosolids with the Board.
- Final topic discussed Hurricane Helene and how the substantial event affected those in east Tennessee. She also discussed how TDEC staff mobilized and worked to assist as many people as they could.

Ms. Boyd motioned to Adjourn.

- Kevin Davis seconded.
  - **Vote: 10-0**
    - **Meeting Adjourned**

SUBMITTED

April Grippo

4/15/25

April Grippo  
Technical Secretary

Date

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

Dodd Galbreath

4/15/2025

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

Date