

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF WATER QUALITY, OIL, AND GAS
VIRTUAL MEETING
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**Summary of Action on Agenda Items of the
October 22nd, 2025
Meeting of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas**

Members Present Virtually:

Elaine Boyd, Dodd Galbreath,
Amanda Goff, Sam Marshall, Neal Whitten,
Terry Wimberley, John Schwartz, Kevin Davis,
Brent Galloway

Absent: Frank McGinley, Gary Bible

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 Board Members.
- The meeting continued with a roll call of the Board Members present.
 - o 9 members were present virtually
 - o **Quorum established.**
- Chairman Galbreath welcomed the Board members and entertained a motion to approve the meeting's minutes from August 19, 2025
 - o Brent Galloway motioned to correct the minutes to include that he attended virtually.
 - Seconded by Sam Marshall
 - Motion carried out was to indicate Brent Galloway attended virtually, and to approve the minutes as amended.
 - **Vote: 9-0**
 - **Passed**
 - o Chairman Galbreath mentioned that the motioned carried out wasn't the motion stated by Mr. Galloway. Mr. Galloway indicated that he was okay with the carried motion.
 - o Mr. Marshall indicated that Gary Bible was indicated as both present and absent.
 - After consulting with Shelby Ward, the Board Attorney with the Office of General Counsel, Mr. Marshall motioned to reconsider the minutes.
 - Amanda Goff seconded.
 - o **Vote: 9-0**
 - **Passed**

- Mr. Marshall motioned to amend the minutes to state that Mr. Galloway attended the meeting virtually, and to correct the minutes to state if Gary Bible attended, or not, based off Drake Smarch's previous records, and to approve the minutes as amended.
 - Seconded by Mr. Galloway
 - **Vote: 9-0**
 - **Passed**

Initial Order – *Old Stone Fort Bridge Preservation Group v. TDEC*

- Shelby Ward, with the Office of General Counsel presented the case to the Board.
- Ms. Ward explained to the Board their authority in this case and what their options are.
- Chairman Galbreath opened the meeting to public comments.
 - Sarah Bradley made a public comment in support of preserving the bridge.
 - Julie Anderson, secretary of the Old Stone Fort Bridge Preservation Group, made a public comment in support of preserving the bridge.
 - Matthew Wiser, President of Old Stone Fort Bridge Preservation Group, made a public comment in support of preserving the bridge.
- The Chairman asked Ms. Ward to review and discuss the finding that specifically related the lack of preponderance of evidence in the decision that was made by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).
 - Ms. Ward discussed that the petitioner had to produce the evidence to persuade the Court to rule in their favor. The Court found that the standard was not met and that TDEC's permit decision was upheld.
 - Ms. Goff asked if everything TDOT is proposing is temporary and that there's no way to fix the bridge due to the type of bridge that it is.
 - Grant Ruhl with the Office of General Counsel, confirmed that no construction equipment will remain once the bridge is replaced, and that TDEC states that this will not rise above *de minimis* impacts.
 - Mr. Ruhl confirmed TDOT understanding during their most recent inspection was that the existing truss bridge was ready for replacement.
 - Neal Whitten confirmed his understanding of the facts of the case and the ALJ's decision.
 - John Schwartz had a question about the 133ft of riprap and if it meets the *de minimis* clause, and if the riprap is being placed at the abutment, if it's necessary for the structural stability of the bridge. He also had a question about this permit being a general or individual permit and if TDOT had to pay for mitigation credits.
 - Mr. Ruhl discussed permits that allow up to 200ft of riprap, and that this impact could have been covered under a general permit. Also, this riprap was purely structural to prevent erosion of the bridge. Because these impacts were determined to be *de minimis* no purchase of credits was need.

- Elaine Boyd made a motion to not review the Initial Order - *Old Stone Fort Bridge Preservation Group v. TDEC*
 - o Seconded by Mr. Whitten
 - **Vote: 9-0**
 - **Passed**

Division of Water Resources Updates – Director April Grippio

- Discussed how the Division of Water Resources (DWR) along with water and wastewater operators celebrated Imagine a Day Without Water. Through DWR messaging we celebrated water and wastewater operators and professionals for their work to make sure we continue have access to water.
- October 30th will be our 3rd annual Operators Appreciation Day put on by Fleming Training Center held at MTSU.
- November 12th DWR will host a Regulatory Forum which will create a networking opportunity with water professionals, stakeholders, and agencies.
- An update on the Duck River progress and the implementation of Executive Order 108.
- An update on how the federal government shutdown is impacting agencies and what DWR is doing to maintain contact.
- Our next meeting will be a special session set for Monday November 17th at 9am. Both in-person and virtual in Conference Room 1A of the Davy Crockett Tower.

Mr. Galloway motioned to Adjourn.

- Seconded by Mr. Schwartz.
 - o **Vote: 7-0-2**
 - **Meeting Adjourned**

SUBMITTED

Paula Mitchell

Paula Mitchell for
April Grippo
Technical Secretary

11/17/2025

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

11/17/2025

Date