

County Health Department engaged in a useful discussion with the board presenting the regulator's side of the issue. The conclusion was that some health departments are getting along with drillers and some are not.

Proposed Bylaws

A draft of bylaws was presented to the board for review. The Board had a legal question on Article II Section 2. Dave Johnson was tasked to ask legal counsel for advice regarding the ability of the Board to remove a person from the board that was appointed by the Director.

Table the Bylaws Until the Next Meeting

Motion: To Table the Bylaws Until the Next Meeting.

Made By: Brian Snelten
Seconded By: Harold Albrecht

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Closed Session to Review the Well Exam Questions at 2:25 p.m.

Motion: To Go into Closed Session to Review Exam Questions

Made By: David Dingedine
Seconded By: Harold Albrecht

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

End of the Closed Session for New Well Exam Questions at 3:15 p.m.

Motion: To Move Out of Closed Session

Made By: Harold Albrecht
Seconded By: David Dingedine

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Snake Hibernaculum

The Board discussed a proposal to retain a hand dug water well for snake hibernation in a McHenry County Conservation Area. The main concern was the possibility of a driven or drilled well that was indicated by the capped pipe in the bottom of the well. The well in the bottom of the hand dug hole would have to be looked at by a licensed water well driller and abandoned before the dry well could be considered to be a "hole" and not a well and retained as a hibernaculum.

Irrigation Backflow Protection Device

Documentation of GHEEN Chemigation Valves was submitted to the Department for review. Dave Johnson brought the documentation to the board after investigating the origin of the valves. It turned out to be AMES parts with GHEEN Labeling. The board discussed agreed that the valves just needed to meet the requirements of the code to be on the approved list.

Complaints about Local Health Departments

Several complaints regarding local health departments were discussed. Fees added to the well permit when the law states that well permits are \$100 continue to prevail. Evidence was presented in the form of a letter from Ogle County Health Department stating that a fee of \$85 will be added when filing a permit. Dave Johnson is to look into this situation. The executive director of IAGP is scheduling a conference with the various environmental health associations to discuss the problem.

Repeated complaints about the way local health departments are handling the 48 hour notice are common. Various factors cause drilling schedules to change and the complaint is that local health departments are not flexible enough and holding up the drilling industry unnecessarily. Waiting for permit reviews for repairs and well pit elimination has become a problem for well drillers. Dave Johnson is trying to come up with a rule change that will alleviate the problem until a change in the statute can be completed. The consensus with the Board is that the intent of the code and law is not to prevent repairs to wells that protect public health and not for local health departments to be able to use the new requirements for increasing revenue streams. It is to prevent shoddy work by providing the local health department awareness of the work that is going on. The way the local health departments are approaching this is thought to be detrimental to the intent of protecting public health when they leave the home owner out of water or their well at risk of contamination while waiting for a permit.

Start of the Closed Session for New Pump Exam Questions at 4:10 p.m.

Motion: To Move Into Closed Session to Review Exam Questions

**Made By: Jim Layten
Seconded By: David Dingledine**

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The Chairman Recessed the Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

Motion: To Recess the Closed Session until 8:00 a.m. April 1, 2016

**Made By: Harold Albrecht
Seconded By: David Dingledine**

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Re-Opened the Meeting at 8:00 a.m. April 1, 2016

End of the Closed Session for New Exam Questions at 10:20 p.m.

Motion: To Move Out of Closed Session

**Made By: Harold Albrecht
Seconded By: Jim Layten**

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Board meeting.

**Made By: Harold Albrecht
Seconded By: David Dingledine**

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.