

Appeal Board Business Meeting

March 16, 2016 F I N A L **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 am by Pam Pruitt, Chairman.

Members Present were: Pam Pruett, Chair, Sandra Gentry, Gerald Johnson, Jeanne Hockaday, and Mason Allen. Also present: Cynthia V. Bailey, Deputy Attorney General, and Dina Allen, Secretary to the Board. David Beahm was not present.

Gerald Johnson announced that he would step down as Chairman of the Board beginning February 2016 but that he will remain on the board. Motion was made by board member Sandra Gentry to elect Pam Pruett as Chairman, current Chairman Johnson seconded and all members voted aye. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Pam Pruett for Sandra Gentry as Vice Chairman, Dean Stone seconded, and all members voted aye.

Under New Business: Our newest board member Dean Stone was introduced to the board in 2015. Unfortunately, Dean has resigned as a board member because of change in career. The Board would like to review listing of Engineers for recommendation to replace Dean Stone. Board discussed scheduling for hearings and whether an Engineer would be needed if any case are scheduled.

Senate Bills 206 and 207 as they pertain to the Appeals Review Board were discussed.

New information was discussed on soils training now occurring in the private sector. Engineers will be needed with this transition. Chairman Pam Pruett mentioned how past soil testing was completed and the outcome of cases. The Board discussed the number of meetings needed yearly given the small number of appeals before the Board.

The Board also discussed postings about the Board on Facebook and any other social media. Sandra Gentry moved that all final decisions on cases heard by the Board since 2010 be posted on the Board website within 60 days. Gerald Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Under Old Business: Sandra Gentry mentioned the draft rules for the conduct of hearings that were presented to the board in 2011. Suggestions were made in reference to review drafts in 2016 fiscal year. Copies will be presented for discussion at May 18th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.