

# Minutes

## Wastewater Advisory Council (WAC)

The Wastewater Advisory Council (WAC) met on December 13, 2017 in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the Atrium located at 805 South Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS, 39157 at 1:00pm.

### Members present:

Leslie Royals	Grady Tucker	Steven Melton	Harry Gong	Mike Freiman
Stephanie Swinford	James Curtis	Shannon Coker	Kim Caviness	Edmund Shields
Butch Graves	Charles Brown	Loretta Martello		

### Alternates present:

Robbie Brown				
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### MSDH staff:

Duncan Welch	Cole Montgomery	Anne Hogue	Cassandra Walter	Monica Allen
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### Guests present:

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Mr. Grady Tucker called the meeting to order.

- Minutes for previous meeting were discussed & approved with minor changes. Motion to accept minutes made by Steve Melton, seconded by Butch Graves, and passed with no opposition.
- Staff Comments
  - The Division updated the Council as to the status of the bill for renewal of On-site Wastewater statute. Changes include:
    - Addition of comma in §41-67-7 (2) (d) to clarify private water supply placement in relation to on-site wastewater disposal systems (Department request).
    - Changing license length for all certifications from one (1) year to three (3) years.
    - Repeal clause renewed for five (5) years
- New Business
  - The Department received a request from its legislative partners for an allowance of additional exemptions on a single tract. In response, the Division presented the following proposed regulation change to the advisory council:

- Rule 1.7.2 **Exemption.** Utilization of the exemption by the Applicant requires the following:
1. Applicant must attest that a single residence will be placed on a single two (2) - acre or larger tract of land during the Notice of Intent process and must acknowledge that they have been informed that the following entities may require the Department's Final Approval:
    - a. Board of Supervisor (Ordinance)
    - b. Water Supplier/Association (Bylaws and/or Water User's Agreement)
    - c. Lending Institution
    - d. Utility Authority
    - e. Others (subdivision covenants, etc.)
  2. If an additional residence on the same tract is requested to be exempt, the tract must be five (5) acres or larger.
  3. Commercial facilities as defined by Rule 3.1.11.1 are not eligible for exemption.
    - The Division explained that this would allow for an additional exemption for residential use for any property 5 acres or greater. Any further development would be considered commercial in nature and would not be eligible for exemption.
    - Motion to approve regulation change as submitted made by Steve Melton and seconded by Butch Graves. Motion passed without opposition.

- Guests recognized
- Schedule next meeting
  - Meeting scheduled tentatively for February
- Adjournment

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Signature (Chairman/Vice-Chairman)

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Date