

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M
Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet
Video Link: meet.google.com/gak-dekr-ebz
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Board Members Present

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public At Large
Larry Brenneman – Western MD
Dave Kelly – Central MD
Mike Hall – Eastern MD
Brad Hartman – Southern MD
Heather Quinn – DNR
Robert Peoples – MDE

MDE Staff Present

Duane Johnson – Executive Director
Gayatri Mostaghimi – Board Counsel
Dee Settar – MDE, Water Supply Program
John Boris – MDE, Wastewater Permits

Roll Call

Board Chair, Hahns Hairston asked Duane Johnson to conduct the roll call of anyone present at the virtual meeting. Upon completing the roll call, it was noticed that an unknown phone number had called into the meeting. Mr. Hairston asked the unknown caller to identify themselves but no response was received. After asking several times and receiving no response, Mr. Hairston instructed Dee Settar to disconnect the unknown number at 9:27 a.m. The unknown number called back at 9:30 a.m. and was removed at 9:37 a.m. The unknown caller called again at 9:54 a.m. and was removed at 9:56 a.m. The caller called back again at 9:58 a.m. and was removed at 9:59 a.m. The unknown caller never stated he was a member of the public intending to listen in on the meeting. The unknown caller said nothing.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Brad Hartman to approve the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Review and Adoption of September 22, 2021 Remote Open Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Brad Hartman and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the September meeting minutes. The motion passed with four abstentions by Hahns Hairston, Heather Quinn, Mike Hall, and Dave Kelly.

Board Chair Comments

Hahns Hairston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Executive Director Comments

A. Revenue & Expenditures

FY 2022 APPROPRIATION	\$98,386.00
REVENUE	\$400.00
EXPENDITURES	\$19,549.55

B. National Drillers Association (“NDA”) Local Chapter Meeting Update

Duane Johnson shared a list of suggestions/requests the NDA would like to discuss with the Board at the next Board meeting. The Board decided to invite the NDA to the November 17th meeting.

NDA SUGGESTIONS/REQUESTS

- GEOTECHNICAL MGD TRACK SHOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM MWD
- LICENSING EXAMS SHOULD BE RELEVANT TO MGD AND EASIER
- DRILLERS PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
- DRILLERS SHOULD BE TESTED AND ACCREDITED IN THE FIELD IN-LIEU-OF DOCUMENTATION AND EXAMS
- FORMING A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO ASSIST THE MDE/LICENSING BOARD
- REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE BOARD

New Business

A. Training Courses for Approval

Organization	Course Name	Location	Dates	License Category	Rec. Hrs.	Cycle
Milby	Well Pump & Variable Speed Drive Training	Online	11/9/2021 and 11/10/2021	Drillers, PIO (not WCI, MGD)	8	2021-2023
National Ground Water Association	NGWA Groundwater Week 2021	Nashville, TN.	12/14/2021 and 12/16/2021	All drillers, PIO	13	2021-2023
Milby	Water Treatment School	Online	10/19/2021	Drillers, WCI, PIO	8	2021-2023

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the above training courses. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

B. Exam Qualifications for Approval

Name	Exam Type	Qualification	Employer	Exp/Equipment	Recommendation
Daniel Lopez	AWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Meets 1 year requirement * Provided 10 locations where they assisted with installations * Sponsor MWD573 * Provided reference letter 	Negley's Well Drilling 2015-present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Well Monitoring * Residential Wells * Geothermal Wells * Multiple Injection Wells * Air Rotary Rigs 	Approve
Eric Reese	API	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Meets 1 year requirement * Provided 10 locations where they assisted with installations * Sponsor MWD573 	Negley's Well Drilling 2019-present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Residential and Commercial Submersible Pump Installation * Small Hand Tools * Mini Excavator 	Approve

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the above applicants to take the license examination. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

C. October Examination Results

PASSED	4
FAILED	1
% PASSED	80%
% FAILED	20%
AVERAGE GRADE	77%

A motion was made by Brad Hartman and seconded by Mike Hall to approve the following applicants for their licenses. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- CHANDLER BAUM – WCI
- ADAM JOHNSON – WCI
- MACKENZIE LEAPER – AWC
- JACOB TROUP – WCI

Old Business

A. Subcommittee Update on Well Drillers Regulation Changes

- Drillers decided to schedule the next meeting for a later date.

B. Online Permitting Update

- John Boris will provide an update at the November meeting.

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Heather Quinn to go into closed session at 10:04 a.m. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Brad Hartman to adjourn the open meeting. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to General Provisions Article (“GP”), § 3-305(b), on motion by Larry Brenneman, seconded by Heather Quinn, the Board members approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston to move into a closed session on October 27, 2021, at 10:04 a.m. for the purpose of complying with certain provisions of the Open Meeting Act. The Board Chair read the closed meeting disclaimer pursuant to legal provisions.

GP § 3-305(b) (2) - To protect the privacy and reputation of the applicant;

GP § 3-305(b) (7) - To obtain legal advice on options in a confidential matter;

During the closed meeting, the following Board members were present: Chairman Hahns Hairston, Larry Brenneman, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall, and Brad Hartman. The following MDE staff were present during the closed meeting: Duane Johnson, Dee Settar, John Boris, and Gayatri Mostaghimi.

The Board Chair read the closed meeting disclaimer pursuant to legal provisions.

Topics Discussed During Closed Meeting

Specifically, the closed session was called for the Board to review and approve August 25, 2021, and September 22, 2021, Closed Meeting Minutes and to discuss a driller violation.