

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, @ 9:00 A.M
Video/Teleconference via Google Meet
Video Link: meet.google.com/tbw-owba-oqu
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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
Robert Peoples - MDE
Brad Hartman - Southern MD
Heather Quinn - DNR

MDE Staff Present

Duane Johnson - Executive Director
Gayatri Mostaghimi - Board Counsel
John Boris - MDE
Taj Goodlow - MDE

Call to Order

Presiding Officer Hahns Hairston presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Hahns Hairston asked Duane Johnson to conduct the roll call for anyone present at the virtual meeting.

Presiding Officer Comments

Hahns Hairston welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

Review and Adoption of March 22, 2023, Remote Open Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the Board's March 22, 2023, open meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston and Heather Quinn.

Executive Director Comments

• Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 APPN \$85,236.00

February (Final)

Revenue \$14,075.00

Expenditures \$23,346.82

March (Draft)

Revenue \$9100.00

Expenditures Pending

MONTH	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE
JULY	\$8,745.13	\$1,350.00
AUGUST	\$10,748.65	\$525.00
SEPTEMBER	\$10,729.45	\$1,450.00
OCTOBER	\$10,708.01	\$2,425.00
NOVEMBER	\$16,557.35	\$1,000.00
DECEMBER	\$10,216.86	\$50.00
JANUARY	\$11,589.82	\$1,150.00
FEBRUARY	\$23,051.55	\$14,075.00
MARCH	<i>Pending</i>	\$9,100.00
TOTAL	\$102,346.82	\$31,125.00

New Business

- April 2023 Examination Results

PASSED	8
FAILED	7
% PASSED	53%
% FAILED	47%
AVERAGE GRADE	65%

- Applicants that Passed the Examination
 - Anthony Adkins - Apprentice Well Driller
 - Jason Jamison - Pump Installer
 - William Kaplan - Journeyman Well Driller-Water Supply
 - Richard Miller - Apprentice Well Driller
 - Kyle Noll - Apprentice Well Driller
 - Shawn Rose - Journeyman Well Driller
 - Steve Webb - Apprentice Well Driller
 - Jay Young - Pump Installer

A motion made by Robert Peoples was seconded by Heather Quinn to approve the above applicants who passed their respective examinations. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- Training Courses for Approval

ORGANIZATION	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	DATES	LICENSE CATEGORY	REC. HRS.	CYCLE
Milby	Spring Pump School	Elkridge, MD	5/16/2023	Drillers, PIO (Not WCI)	8	2023 certificate will be provided

NDA	Spring Training	Brunswick, OH	5/6/2023	Drillers	7	Sign In Sheets
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A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the above training courses. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- Examination for Qualification

Name	Exam Type	Qualifications	Employer	Exp/Equip	Recommend
Kurtis Bassett	Master Well Driller - Geotechnical	Meets 5-year experience requirement Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with the installation of wells or well systems Obtained national certification as a monitoring well driller Journeyman JGD115 and 8-hour OSHA	Navarro & Wright 2009 - present	Geoprobe, 2" monitoring wells, 1" observation wells, auguring, air rotary, rock and spin casings.	Approval
Steven Calabrese	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets 1-year experience requirement Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with the installation of wells or well systems Received letter of recommendation Sponsor MWD553 is in good standing	Carroll Water 2020 - present	Helper/mud rotary, residential and water wells.	Approval
Manuel Menjivar	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets 1-year experience requirement	Allied Environmental Services 2020	Driller/rotary and air, geothermal and water wells	Approval

Name	Exam Type	Qualifications	Employer	Exp/Equip	Recommend
		<p>Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with the installation of wells or well systems</p> <p>Received letter of recommendation</p> <p>Sponsor MWD326 is in good standing.</p>			
Brian Smith	Journey Well Driller	<p>Meets 3-year experience requirement</p> <p>Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with the installation of wells or well systems</p> <p>Received letter of recommendation</p> <p>Sponsor MWD553 is in good standing</p> <p>Current license AWD055</p>	Carroll Water 1999-present	Air rotary, mud rotary, residential water and wells	Approval

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the above applicants to take their respective examinations. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

A motion was also made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples to discuss the following applicant in closed session. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Name	Exam Type	Qualifications	Employer	Exp/Equip	Comment
Matthew Osterberg	MWD - Geotechnical	<p>7-years practicing well drilling</p> <p>2 of the last 3 years operating</p>	<p>Cascade Drilling 1996 - present</p> <p>Environmental/Geotech License #557537</p>	<p>Driller: monitoring, extraction, injection, recovery and piezometers,</p>	<p>Provided 40 Hour HAZOWOPER and 8 Hour Refresher Certificates</p> <p>(Letter of</p>

Name	Exam Type	Qualifications	Employer	Exp/Equip	Comment
		well construction equipment used in the construction of wells for the category of license sought.		sonic auger and rotary core	recommendation?)

- Franks Well Drilling discussion was moved to the Closed Session

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

No Comments

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Brad Hartman to go into closed session. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

The presiding officer read a written closing statement addressing the reason for the closed meeting, including the topics to be discussed and statutory exception(s) (see below).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples 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 a motion by Larry Brenneman that was seconded by Mike Hall, Board members approved moving into closed session on April 26, 2023, for the purpose of complying with the following provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

- GP§ 3-305(b)(2) - To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders,
- GP§ 3-305(b)(7) - To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice,
- GP§ 3-305(b)(8) - To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The following Board members were present during the closed meeting:

Presiding Officer Hahns Hairston, Larry Brenneman, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall, Brad Hartman, and Robert Peoples. MDE staff present were John Boris, Duane Johnson, Taj Goodlow and Gaya Mostaghimi.

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

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved the March 22, 2023, closed meeting minutes, discussed the Calvert County government water conditioner equipment installation issue, the transition concerning the Executive Director position, Robert Hill updates, the potential delegation of authority to OAH for decision-making on cases, proposed regulation changes, examination policy changes, out-of-state driller discussion and Frank Well Drilling discussion.