

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, @ 9:00 A.M.

Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet Video Link: meet.google.com/cwp-gkos-agd

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In Person: 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230, Terra Conference Room

Board Members Present

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

Gayatri Mostaghimi - Board Counsel

Duane Johnson - Executive Director

John Boris - MDE

Cecelia Mays - MDE

Toncia Branch - MDE

Seth Eisenstein - MDE

John Anthony - MDE

Absent

Hahns Hairston – Excused

Call to Order

Larry Brenneman presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Larry Brenneman asked Duane Johnson to conduct the roll call.

Presiding Officer Comments

Larry Brenneman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Adoption of May 24, 2023, Open Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the Board's May 24, 2023, open meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Comments

Duane Johnson announced his retirement at the end of June 2023. This is Duane's last Board of Well Drillers meeting as the Executive Director.

- **Revenue & Expenditures**

FY23 APPN \$85,236.00

May (Draft)

Revenue \$24,625.00

Expenditures Pending Fiscal

April (Final)

Revenue \$17,400

Expenditures \$6,483.14

Month	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE
JULY	\$8,745.13	\$1350.00
AUGUST	\$10,748.65	\$525.00
SEPTEMBER	\$10,729.45	\$1450.00
OCTOBER	\$10,708.01	\$2425.00
NOVEMBER	\$16,557.35	\$1,000,00
DECEMBER	\$10,216.86	\$50.00
JANUARY	\$11,589.82	\$1150.00
FEBRUARY	\$23,051.55	\$14,075.00
MARCH	\$11,522.05	\$9100.00
APRIL	\$6,483.14	\$17,400.00
MAY	PENDING	\$24,625.00
TOTAL	\$120,352.01	\$73,150.00

New Business

- Examination Results

PASSED	8
FAILED	2
% PASSED	80%
% FAILED	20%
AVERAGE GRADE	70.8%

- Applicants that Passed the Examination

Kurtis Bassett – Master Well Driller-Geotechnical
Wyatt Dermer- Apprentice Well Driller
Stephen Duklewski- Water Conditioner Installer-Apprentice
Stephen Dukleski- Pump Installer- Apprentice
Nicholas Riehl- Pump Installer
Stephen Schaffer – Water Conditioner Installer
Jeremy Vanarsdale – Master Well Driller- General
William Keyes – Master Well Driller-General

A motion made by Mike Hall was seconded by Brad Hartman to approve the above applicants who passed their respective examinations. The motion passed unanimously.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Goodbye Duane and thanks!

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Heather Quinn to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Brad Hartman and seconded by Heather Quinn to adjourn the open meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Dave Kelly that was seconded by Heather Quinn, Board members approved moving into closed session on June 28, 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:

Larry Brenneman, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall, Brad Hartman, Heather Quinn and Robert Peoples. MDE staff present were Duane Johnson, John Boris, John Anthony and Gaya Mostaghimi.

Pursuant to legal provisions, Larry Brenneman read the closed meeting disclaimer.

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved the May 24, 2023, closed meeting minutes; discussed the Executive Director transition; discussed the Wicomico County notice of violation; discussed the Calvert County government water conditioner equipment installation issue; discussed a driller hearing final decision; and, discussed potential exam application policy changes.