

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

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M**

\* Please note, this is a hybrid meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend either by accessing the virtual link, calling into the below phone number, or attending in person at the address information listed below.

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

**Board Members Present**

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public At Large  
Larry Brenneman - Western MD  
Dave Kelly - Central MD  
Mike Hall - Eastern MD  
Heather Quinn – DNR

**MDE Staff Present**

Amanda Redmiles – Executive Director  
Gayatri Mostaghimi – Board Counsel  
John Boris - MDE  
Taj Goodlow - MDE  
Alex Rubin - MDE

**Guests**

Jennifer Bowman – OAG  
Sylvia Glover – OAG  
DJ Shannahan – Sharp Water Co.  
Donald Bond – Cascade Drilling  
Matt Osterberg - Cascade Drilling  
J. Robert Kiehne – Phelps Water Co.

**Excused Absent**

Robert Peoples – MDE  
Brad Hartman – Southern MD

**Call to Order**

Presiding Officer, Hahns Hairston, presided over the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

**Presiding Officer Comments**

Hahns Hairston welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Hahns Hairston and seconded by Heather Quinn to adjust the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Edits to the agenda include adding Old Business before New Business. Adding CEU's List by License Type under Old Business. Adding Application Matter under New Business. Changing October Revenue & Expenditures to September Revenue & Expenditures under Executive Director Comments.

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the adjusted agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

### **Review and Adoption of October 25, 2023, Open Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the Board's October 25, 2023, open meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

### **Executive Director Comments**

- September Revenue & Expenditures
- Website Updates
- Rosters
- License Renewal Updates
- Travel Reimbursement for Board Members
  - Amanda Redmiles will prepare travel reimbursement paperwork for each Board Member for September and October meetings.
- Pump Installers & Water Treatment Cross Training
  - J. Robert Kiehne – Phelps Water Co.
- December 6<sup>th</sup> Exams

### **Old Business**

- CEU's List – License Type

### **New Business**

- Application Matter
  - Donald Bond – Cascade Drilling on behalf of Matt Osterberg
- Training Courses for Approval

\*\*\*Hahns Hairston departed from meeting and Larry Brenneman look over as Presiding Officer.\*\*\*

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Mike Hall to approve the following training courses. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

#	Organization	Course Name	Location	Date(s)	License Category	Rec. Hours	Cycle
1	MD DE Water Well Association	MDWWA Annual Convention	Annapolis, MD	2/8/24-2/9/24	All Licensees	Max of 13 w/ 8 Hr Refresher	2023-2025
2	DE Rural Water	Drinking Water Filtration, A-Z - Water Only	Online - Suncoast Learning	10/15/2023	All Licensees	10	2023-2025
3	DE Rural Water	Basic Water Works	Online - Suncoast Learning	10/14/2023	All Licensees	10	2023-2025

- Examination Qualifications

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Heather Quinn to approve the following applicants to take the examinations indicated below. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

#	Name	Exam Type	Qualification	Employer	Exp/Equip	Recommend
1	Virts, Matthew	MWD - General	Meets 2 Years Journeyman Experience  Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with the installation of wells or well systems.  Journeyman JWD416 and 8-hour OSHA	Wayne's Water 'n' Wells Inc	8 potable domestic wells in GA county. 1 Deepening 1 Geothermal	APPROVAL
2	Fink, Jason	JWD - General	Meets 3 Years Apprentice Experience  Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with the installation of wells or well systems.  Sponsor MWD572 in good standing  Received letter of recommendation  Current License AWD054	Connelly & Associates	Mud/Air Rotary Geothermal Water Well: Schramm 450ws, D050/D70 soil boring, Pressure tank constant pressure systems assisted with installation of 575+ well systems or wells.	APPROVAL
3	Van Doren, Brian	MWD- Geotechnical	Started in 1984  Out of State Applicant	Hillis-Carnes	10+ geotechnical wells. - CME 45 2 domestic	APPROVAL

			DE License #5747 Letter of Good Standing from Delaware Proof of 8 Hazwoper Training Received		geothermal- VERSA drill 1 domestic environmental-B-61 mobile Simco	
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**Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry**

Nothing to report on this matter.

**Board Vote to Move into Closed Session**

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Mike Kelly to go into closed session. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

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 David Kelly and seconded by Heather Quinn to adjourn the open meeting. The motion passed with one abstention by Larry Brenneman.

**Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Heather Quinn that was seconded by Dave Kelly, Board members approved moving into closed session on September 27, 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, Heather Quinn. MDE staff present were Amanda Redmiles, Gaya Mostaghimi, Alex Rubin, John Boris, Jennifer Bowman and Sylvia Glover.

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

**Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting**

Board members reviewed and approved the October 25, 2023, closed meeting minutes; discussed the update on Board counsel transitions, update on Calvert County Plumbing Board Letter; update on loss of sponsorship of a Well Driller; pending Board vacancy; discussed the status of regulation updates; discussed State email address for Board members.