

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 22, 2023, @ 9:00 A.M
Video/Teleconference via Google Meet
Video Link: meet.google.com/ygz-vfwc-icm
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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

MDE Staff Present

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

Absent

Heather Quinn – Excused

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 January 25, 2023, Remote Open Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the Board’s January 25, 2023 open meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Executive Director Comments

- **Revenue & Expenditures**

FY23 APPN	\$85,236.00
Balance	\$17,350.55
January	
Revenue	\$1,150.00
Expenditures	\$11,589.82

February (Draft)

Revenue	\$5,525
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
TOTAL	\$79,295.27	\$7,925.00

- **August 23, 2023 Board Meeting Scheduling**

Board counsel, Gayatri Mostaghimi, indicated that she will be unavailable to attend the August 23, 2023 Board meeting. The Board decided to keep the August meeting as scheduled.

New Business

- **February 2023 Exam Results**

Passed	2
Failed	1
% Passed	67%
% Failed	33%
Average	70%

- **Applicants that Passed the Examination**

Alex Eaton - Apprentice Well Driller

Nathan Kearns - Pump Installer

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

Examination for Qualification

Name	Exam Type	Qualifications	Employer	Exp/Equip	Recommend
Francis Harrington	Master Well Driller	<p>Meets 7-year experience requirement</p> <p>2 of the last 3 years spent operating equipment used in the construction of wells for the category of license sought</p> <p>Florida license # 4389A and North Carolina license # 7262 (water well)</p> <p>Letter of good standing received from FL and NC</p>	<p>Walker Hill Environmental Inc.</p> <p>1985 - present</p>	<p>Driller/auger rigs, mud rotary, core rigs, wells or well systems monitoring, injection, recovery and ground water remediation, water wells</p>	Approval
William Keys	Master Well Driller	<p>Meets 7-year experience requirement</p> <p>2 of the last 3 years spent operating equipment used in the construction of wells for the category of license sought</p> <p>South Florida license # 11395 and North Carolina license # 11395 (water well)</p> <p>Letter of good standing received from FL and NC</p>	<p>Griffin Dewatering 2012 - present</p>	<p>Driller/ sonic rigs, air and mud rotary, remediation, back up pumping, dewatering, monitoring wells, heater wells, wells or well systems: 2"- 611 2"- 8" and 211 – 1211, PVC and steel wells</p>	Approval
Dakota Swanson	Apprentice Well Driller	<p>Meets 1-year work experience requirement</p>	<p>Michael Barlow 1/7/2022</p>	<p>Helper/Schramm T450, pump systems, water wells, Gould 5hp,</p>	Approval

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		<p>Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with installations of wells or well systems.</p> <p>Sponsor MWD355 is in good standing</p> <p>Letter of recommendation received</p>		geo test bore	
Jeremy Vanarsdale	Master Well Driller	<p>Meets the 5-year work Experience requirement</p> <p>Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with the installation of wells or well systems</p> <p>Letter of recommendation provided</p>	Michael Barlow 11/23/2010	Installer/excavator for trenching ditch, water wells, conventional pumps, Grundfos systems, geothermal tie-ins, installed or assisted in the installation of 500+ systems	Approval
Stephen Duklewski	Apprentice Pump Installer	<p>Meets 1-year work experience requirement</p> <p>Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with installations of wells or well systems</p> <p>Sponsor MWD355 is in good standing</p> <p>Letter of recommendation received</p>	Michael Barlow 2/5/2018	Helper/constant pressure system, installed pressure tanks, new well pump, tank and sediment filters, replaced expansion tank.	Approval
Stephen	Apprentice	Meets 1-year	Michael Barlow	Helper/acid	Approval

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Duklewski	Water Conditioner Installer	work experience requirement Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with installations of wells or well systems Sponsor MWD355 is in good standing Letter of recommendation received	2/5/2018	neutralizer, water softener and sediment filters, chemical feed systems	

- Training for Approval

ORGANIZATION	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	DATES	LICENSE CATEGORY	REC. HRS.	CYCLE
National Drilling Association	NOA Tri State Training Day 2023	Brunswick, OH	4/21/2023	All Drillers	6	Sign-in Sheet
Maryland Delaware Well Water Association	MDWWA Annual Convention	Annapolis, MD	2/9/2023 to 2/10/2023	All Drillers	10 + .5 per day	Sign III Cards
Pennsylvania Groundwater Association	PGWA Winter Conference 2023	Grantville, PA	1/26/2023 to 1/27/2023	All Drillers, PIO, WCI	10	Sign III Cards

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

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

No Comments

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Mike Hall 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 Larry Brenneman and seconded by Dave Kelly 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 March 22, 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 and Gaya Mostaghimi.