

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
Open Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M.
Video/Teleconference via Google hangout Meet
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Board Members Present

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

MDE Staff Present

Duane Johnson – Executive Director
Gayatri Mostaghimi – Board Counsel
John Boris – MDE, Wastewater Permits

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chairman Hahns Hairston called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Review and Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Chairman Hairston presented the agenda for review and approval. A motion to approve the agenda with amendments was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Review and Approval of August 28, 2021 meeting minutes

Chairman Hairston presented the August 28, 2021 open meeting minutes for review and approval and asked for any modifications. Robert Peoples made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments that was seconded by Brad Hartman. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Board Chairman Comments

Chairman Hahns Hairston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Executive Director Comments

- Revenue & Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022

July 2021

Revenue - \$2,325.00

Expenditures - \$9, 123.97

August 2021

Revenue - \$900.00

Expenditures - Not available - fiscal post pending

- Board of Well Drillers 2022 Open Meetings and Examinations Schedule

2022 Open Meetings 9AM -12PM	2022 Examinations 9AM -12PM
Jan 26	Feb 2
Feb 23	April 6
Mar 23	June 1
Apr 27	Aug 3
May 25	Oct 5
June 22	Dec 7
July 27	
Aug 24	
Sept 28	
Oct 26	
Nov 16	
Dec 14	

New Business

- Training Courses for Approval

Organization	Course Name	Location	Date	License Category	Rec. Hrs.	Cycle
Virginia Water Well Association	2021 Fall Field Day	Upperville, Virginia	October 15, 2021	Drillers (not PIO, WCI)	8.0	2023
Water Quality Association	Deionization I	Webinar	June 21, 2021	WCI, MWD, MSD, API, AWD	2.0	2023
Water Quality Association	Deionization II	Webinar	June 23, 2021	WCI, MWD, MSD, API, AWD	1.5	2023

Brad Hartman made a motion to approve the above training courses that was seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Old Business

- Subcommittee Proposal and Update on Well Drillers Regulation Changes

Brad Hartman discussed the proposals made at the last subcommittee meeting and asked Gayatri Mostaghimi if she had a chance to review the changes. Gayatri said if the Board was asking for legal advice that should be discussed in closed session. Duane Johnson announced that Board staff are having a meeting at 4 PM with MDE's Water and Science Administration Deputy Director, Heather Barthel to discuss the regulation change process. Hahns Hairston asked Brad Hartman if they intended to get the Board's approval for the recommendations. Brad said yes, they want to get the Board's approval. Robert Peoples said the Board would not want to vote on anything until they got legal advice from Gayatri.

Gayatri suggested the Board seek guidance from MDE regarding MDE's process for regulation changes. She said what the subcommittee put together is a proposal of what changes they want regarding the regulations.

Robert Peoples talked about bonding requirements saying the cost appears a little low and wanted to know if the Board should look at increasing the Bond. Brad Hartman asked what the dollar amounts of the Bonds and Liability Insurance are.

Bonds:	Drillers	\$5000.00
	PIO/WCI	\$2000.00
Liability:	Per Person	\$100,000
	Per Occurrence	\$350,000

Brad Hartman talked about the Pathway for in state/out-of-state. Gayatri asked Brad if the three things the subcommittee is proposing to change are: (1) qualification for examination, (2) added fines, and (3) updated terminology to reflect current organization nomenclature. Brad confirmed this is what the subcommittee is requesting.

There was some discussion about out-of-state versus in state requirements. Brad said they are trying to make things fair for in state drillers as well. Dee Settar asked if all out-of-state applicants must be licensed. Robert said not all states have licenses, for example PA. and FL. It was decided that Robert Peoples will attend the next subcommittee meeting to further discuss this.

Robert asked Gayatri if the Board can implement fines without regulatory changes or without a change in statute. Gayatri suggested discussing this legal advice question in closed session.

Online Permitting Update

John Boris said the four fillable forms have been added to the well construction webpage and that paper forms are still available. Robert Peoples asked if we can accept electronic signatures. John said he does not know. Robert asked how the fillable forms are routed to health departments and if they can be emailed. John said they need to be printed, signed and mailed out. They cannot be emailed. Larry Brenneman said he wanted to have the ability to send the forms electronically. Robert said this is a partial solution to the problem that needs to be addressed further. Noni said she can talk to IT and see what else can be done with online processing.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brad Hartman at 10:45 am and seconded by Robert Peoples to go into closed session. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman at 10:46 am and seconded by Robert Peoples to adjourn the open meeting. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.