

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 26, 2022, @ 9:00 A.M
Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet
Video Link: meet.google.com/dnc-qzuw-kqe
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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
Brad Hartman - Southern MD
Heather Quinn - DNR
Robert Peoples - MDE

MDE Staff Present

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

Call to Order

Board Chair, Hahns Hairston presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Hahns Hairston asked Duane Johnson to conduct the roll call of 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 October 27, November 17, and December 2, 2021 Remote Open Meeting Minutes

A motion made by Mike Hall was seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the October 27th meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

A motion made by Larry Brenneman was seconded by Brad Hartman to approve the November 17th meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

A motion made by Mike Hall was seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the December 2nd meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Executive Director Comments

Duane Johnson shared revenue data with the Board and stated that expenditure information for December would be provided at the February 2022 meeting.

- **Revenue & Expenditures 2022**

NOVEMBER

Revenue \$650.00
Expenditures \$56,007.42

DECEMBER (Draft)

Revenue \$550.00
Expenditures Pending Fiscal

- **December Examination Results**

Passed	5
Failed	9
% Passed	36%
% Failed	64%
Average Grade	61.7%

A motion made by Brad Hartman was seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the following applicants who passed their exams with a grade of 70% or above. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- Eric Carter – Apprentice Water Conditioner Installer
- Daniel Ditman – Apprentice Well Driller
- Eric Edlestein – Apprentice Well Driller
- Eric Reese – Apprentice Pump Installer

- William Shipley – Apprentice Pump Installer

- **Examinations in Spanish Discussion**

Duane Johnson provided data from about seventy exams taken from 2020-2021. His goal was to give the Board an idea of what exams are being passed and failed and to see what could be done to improve the failure rate.

PASSED vs. FAILED EXAM DATA 2020-2021

Total Passed	36	Total Failed	34
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MWD	7	MWD	3 (2 Spanish)
JWD	2	JWD	2
AWD	14	AWD	20 (7 Spanish)
PIO	4	PIO	6
WCI	9	WCI	3

Percent Passed	Percent Failed
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MWD	70%	MWD	30%
JWD	50%	JWD	50%
AWD	41.2%	AWD	58.8%
PIO	40%	PIO	60%
WCI	75%	WCI	25%

OBSERVATIONS (made by Duane Johnson)

- Besides MWD and WCI the pass/fail rate is consistent.
- 2 of the failed MWD English-only exams were by 1 person who requested a Spanish version of the exam.
- 14 applicants passed the AWD English exam, and 13 applicants failed.
- 7 applicants took the AWD Spanish exam and all 7 failed.

It was suggested by Robert Peoples that Duane Johnson look into the possibility of getting more examinations translated into Spanish, particularly the Master Well Driller exam.

New Business

- **Training Course for Approval**

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the following training course. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Organization	Name of Course	Location	Dates	License Category	Rec. Hrs.	Cycle
National Drilling Association	NDA Buckeye/Tri Training Day 2021	Cambridge, OH	11/19/2021	All Drillers	5	2023

- **April Examination Qualifications for Approval**

A motion was made by Brad Hartman and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the following applicants to take the examinations indicated below. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Name	Exam Type	Qualifications	Employer	Experience/ Equipment	Recommendation
Neil Detweiler	MWD	Meets 2-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted installations.	Negley's Well Drilling 2000-present	Air Rotary Rigs, Water Wells, Geothermal Bore Holes, Monitoring Wells, Injection Wells	Approve
Harley Hawk	JWD	Meets 3-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted installations. Sponsor MWD553	Carroll Water Systems Drilling 2014-present	Mud Wells, Rock Well, Versa Drill, T3,	Approve

Edward Hill	MWD-Geotechnical	Meets 2-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted installations. MWD license in WV, Water Driller license in DE.	E2CR Inc. 2009-present	Monitoring Wells, CME 75	Approve
Shane McFaul	API	Meets 1-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted installations. Sponsor PI0172, recommendation letter received	Home Land Environmental 2018-present	Well Pump, Constant Pressure Pump, Pressure Tank, 1HP Pump, ½ Pump.	Approve
Shawn Myers	AWD	Meets 1-year requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted installations. Sponsor PI0172, recommendation letter received.	Negley's Well Drilling 2018-present	Water Wells, Geotechnical Drilling, Auger Probes, Air Rotary, Geotechnical Rig	Approved
Jason Sheetz	AWD	Meets 1-year requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted installations. SponsorMWD553, recommendation letter received.	Carroll Water System Inc 2020-present	Rock Well, Mud Well, Pressure Tank, Versa Drill, T3	Approve

Ara Wheeler	AWD	Meets 1-year requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted installations. Sponsor MWD553, recommendation letter received.	Carroll Water System Inc 2010- present	Mud Well, Rock Well, Versa Drill, T3, Pressure Tank, Mini Excavation	Approve
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Old Business

- Online Permitting

John Boris said he didn't have any additional information since the discussion at the last meeting. Board members discussed what funding might look like to get online permitting completed. Hahns Hairston asked John Boris if he could find out who is handling the online process. John said he would.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

- Dave Kelly mentioned that the Maryland Delaware Water Well Association Convention will be held on February 10-11, 2022. Duane Johnson will submit the names of Board members who are attending.

Duane Johnson mentioned that Senate Bill (SB) 111 was being introduced in the upcoming legislative session and that MDE decided to take no action on the bill. The bill essentially establishes procedures for individuals with non-violent criminal convictions to request a Board determination on pre-applications for licenses or certificates (violent criminals are excluded).

A motion made by Robert Peoples to go into closed session was seconded by Mike Hall. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Adjournment

A motion made by Brad Hartman to adjourn the open meeting was seconded by Brad Hartman. 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 Heather Quinn that was seconded by Robert Peoples, Board members approved moving into closed session on January 26, 2022, at 11:05 a.m. 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 Board Chair read the closed meeting disclaimer pursuant to legal provisions.

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Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved the October 27, November 17, and December 2, 2021, closed meeting minutes; discussed an update relating to disciplinary action, and the Open Meetings Act Compliance Board's Opinion.