

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS**  
**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, April 27, 2022 @ 9:00 A.M.**  
**Video/Teleconference via Google Hangouts Meet**  
**Video Link: [meet.google.com/inb-hxkd-mci](https://meet.google.com/inb-hxkd-mci)**  
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**Board Members Present**

Robert Peoples - MDE  
Larry Brenneman - Western MD  
Dave Kelly - Central MD  
Mike Hall - Eastern MD  
Brad Hartman - Southern MD  
Heather Quinn - DNR

**MDE Staff Present**

Gayatri Mostaghimi - Board Counsel  
Dee Settar - MDE, Water Supply Program  
Duane Johnson - Executive Director

**Board Members not Present**

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**Call to Order**

Presiding Officer Larry Brenneman presided over the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Larry Brenneman asked Duane Johnson to conduct the roll call for anyone present at the virtual meeting.

**Presiding Officer Comments**

Larry Brenneman 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 no abstentions.

**Review and Adoption of Remote Open Meeting Minutes**

A motion made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the March 23, 2022 open meeting minutes passed with no abstentions.

## Executive Director's Comments

- **Revenue & Expenditures 2022**

Duane Johnson shared revenue and expenditure data for January and February 2022 and indicated that the February 2022 data is final. Duane said he will hopefully finalize the March 2022 report by the May 2022 Board meeting.

### **February (Final)**

Revenue                      \$150.00  
Expenditures                \$88,214.61

### **March (Draft)**

Revenue                      \$1,075.00  
Expenditures                Pending Fiscal

- **April 2022 Exam Results**

PASSED	5
FAILED	5
% PASSED	50%
% FAILED	50%
AVERAGE GRADE	66.9%

A motion made by Brad Hartman was seconded by Mike Hall to approve the following applicants for licenses. The motion passed with no abstentions.

- Harley Hawk – Journeyman Well Driller
- Ara Wheelers – Apprentice Well Driller
- Neil Detweiler – Master Well Driller
- Garrison Eaves – Master Well Driller
- Glen Eaves – Master Well Driller

- **Spanish Examination Update**

Duane Johnson presented a quote of \$3,267.92 to the Board to have eleven English examinations translated into Spanish.

## **New Business**

- **Training Courses for Approval**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LICENSE CATEGORY</b>	<b>REC. HRS.</b>	<b>CYCLE</b>
Duff Company	Water Treatment and Pump Seminar	Norristown, PA.	5/25/22	All Drillers except Geotechnical, PIO, WCI	6	2023
Eastern Water Quality Association	2022 Spring Training Event	Hagerstown, MD.	5/19/22	All Drillers except Geotechnical, PIO, WCI	6	2023
Milby Company	Private Pump School	Westover, MD.	4/13/22	All Drillers except Geotechnical, PIO	8	2023

A motion made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the above training courses passed with no abstentions.

## **Old Business**

- **Regulation Changes Discussion**

The Board discussed out-of-state policies versus in-state policies as it relates to licensing a driller and decided to come up with some future dates for the Board's subcommittee to continue the discussion.

- **Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry**

Dave Kelly asked Duane Johnson if he had resolved the issue with Randy from Gallop Well Drilling. Duane said he believes the matter was resolved.

## **Board Vote to Move Into Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave to go into closed session. The motion passed with no abstention.

The presiding officer read a written statement of the reason for the closed meeting. The closing statement included topics to be discussed and the statutory exception(s) (see below).

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Brad Hartman to adjourn the open meeting at 9:47 a.m. The motion passed with no abstentions.

### **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 Robert Peoples, Board members approved moving into closed session on April 27, 2022, 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 Larry Brenneman, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall and Brad Hartman.

The following MDE staff were present during the closed meeting: Duane Johnson and Gayatri Mostaghimi.

The Board Chair read the closed meeting disclaimer pursuant to legal provisions.

### **Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting**

Board members reviewed and approved the March 23, 2022 closed meeting minutes, discussed an update relating to a disciplinary action, an investigation of a licensee, and passage of HB246 which creates new requirements under the Open Meetings Act.