

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS**  
**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 24, 2023, @ 9:00 A.M.**  
**Video/Teleconference via Google Meet**  
**Video Link: [meet.google.com/hyt-qewu-wbz](https://meet.google.com/hyt-qewu-wbz)**  
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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  
Heather Quinn - DNR

**MDE Staff Present**

Duane Johnson - Executive Director  
Gayatri Mostaghimi - Board Counsel

**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 Larry Brenneman was seconded by Brad Hartman to approve the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

**Review and Adoption of April 26, 2023, Remote Open Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Heather Quinn to approve the Board's April 26, 2023 open meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

**Executive Director Comments**

- **Revenue & Expenditures**

FY23 APPN \$85,236.00

**March (Final)**

Revenue \$9,100.00

Expenditures \$11,522.05

**April (Draft)**

Revenue \$17,400.00

Expenditures Pending Fiscal

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
FEBRUARY	\$23,051.55	\$14,075.00
MARCH	\$11,522.05	\$9,100.00
APRIL	PENDING	\$17,400.00
TOTAL	\$113,868.87	\$48,525.00

**New Business**

- Training For Approval

ORGANIZATION	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	DATES	LICENSE CATEGORY	REC. HRS.	CYCLE
The Maryland Rural Water Association	MDE Safe Water Sampler Certification	Various Locations	Ongoing	All Drillers	3.0	2023-2025 certificate provided

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

- Examination Qualifications

NAME	EXAM TYPE	QUALIFICATION	EMPLOYER	EXP/EQUIP	RECOMMEND
Jason Fink	Journeyman Well Driller - General	Meets 3-year experience requirement  Provided 10 locations where he installed or assisted with the installation of wells or well systems  Received letter of recommendation  Sponsor MWD553 is in good standing  Current license AWD054	Connelly & Associates	Mud/Air Rotary  Geothermal  Water Well: Schramm 450 WS, D050/D70,  Soil boring  Pressure tanks  Constant pressure systems  Assisted with installation of 575+ well or well systems	Pending water well information

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Brad Hartman to delay approval of the above applicant until additional information is provided. 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 Dave Kelly and seconded by Heather Quinn 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 Dave Kelly and seconded by Brad Hartman 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 April 26, 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, Heather Quinn and Robert Peoples. MDE staff present were Duane Johnson, Taj Goodlow and Gaya Mostaghimi.

Pursuant to legal provisions the Board Chair read the closed meeting disclaimer.

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

Board members reviewed and approved the April 26, 2023, closed meeting minutes, discussed the Calvert County government water conditioner equipment installation issue, the Wicomico County notice of violation; a driller hearing final decision, potential changes to the examination application, applicant process, and driller examination qualifications; an issue relating to the apprentice well drillers exam, and a license renewal package.