

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, June 26, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.**

Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet Video Link:

<https://meet.google.com/yag-dhpa-ohu>

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In Person: 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230, Aeris Conference Room

**Board Members Present**

Hanhs Hairston – Chairman/Public At Large  
Larry Brenneman – Western MD  
Dave Kelly – Central MD  
Michael Hall – Eastern MD  
Heather Quinn – DNR  
Robert Peoples – MDE

**MDE Staff Present**

Amanda Redmiles – Executive Director  
Jennifer Bowman – OAG  
Taj Goodlow – MDE  
Alex Rubin – MDE

**Call to Order**

Presiding Officer, Larry Brenneman, presided over the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

**Presiding Officer Comments**

Larry Brenneman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review and Adoption of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Open Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, open meeting minutes with minor spelling corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Director Comments**

- FY24 Revenue & Expenditures Update

**BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS  
REVENUE & EXPENDITURES  
FY24**

**FY 24 APPN \$134,613.00**

Month	Running Expenditures	Monthly Expenditures	Running Revenue	Monthly Revenue
JULY	\$5,876.43	\$5,876.43	\$3,775.00	\$3,775.00
AUGUST	*\$27,456.37	\$21,579.94	\$4,150.00	\$375.00
SEPTEMBER	\$27,469.00	*\$12.63	\$4,775.00	\$625.00
OCTOBER	\$45,605.03	\$18,136.03	\$6,425.00	\$1,650.00
NOVEMBER	\$57,722.79	\$12,117.76	\$8,325.00	\$1,900.00
DECEMBER	\$68,384.86	\$10,662.07	\$11,325.00	\$3,000.00
JANUARY	\$80,604.22	\$12,219.36	\$14,900.00	\$3,575.00
FEBRUARY	\$92,829.79	\$12,225.57	\$16,675.00	\$1,775.00
MARCH	\$105,053.16	\$12,223.37	\$19,800.00	\$3,125.00
APRIL	\$117,283.80	\$12,230.64	\$24,775.00	\$4,975.00
MAY				
JUNE				
		<b>\$117,283.80</b>		

\* Errors investigated by MDE Accountants and Executive Director. Salaries were not reported at the time the figures were generated.

- Board Vacancy Update
  - The recommendation letter on behalf of the Board was finalized and signed by Hahns Hairston. The recommendation letter by Amanda Redmiles has yet to be completed due to pending information.
- Apprentice Expirations
  - Legal referral to determine the next steps for converting apprenticeships that have expired with no attempt to convert to a full license.
- The August 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be rescheduled to August 21<sup>st</sup> in the Aqua room. The time has not changed.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

Hahns Hairston joined the meeting.

**New Business**

- Continuing Education Credits Approval

#	Organization	Course Name	Location	Date(s)	License Category	Rec. Hours	Cycle	Outcome
1	Water Quality Association	WQA 2024 Convention and Exposition	Orlando, FL	3/4/24-3/6/24	All Licenses	Up to 35.5	2023-2025	Approved
2	National Groundwater Association	2023 State of the U.S. Water Well Industry Report	Virtually	04/04/24	All Licenses	1	2023-2025	Approved
3	National Groundwater Association	Case Study: NGWA Building Geothermal Retrofit	Virtually	04/04/24	All Licenses	1	2023-2025	Approved
4	National Groundwater Association	Wyo-Ben: Drilling in Reactive Clay and Shale	Virtually	04/04/24	All Licenses	0.5	2023-2025	Approved
5	Geoprobe	Geoprobe Open House	Saline, KS	4/24/24-5/25/24	All Licenses	6	2023-2025	Approved
6	Geoprobe	Rig Maintenance and Service	Saline, KS	4/24/24	All Licenses	3	2023-2025	Approved
7	WV Department of Health	Statutes and Rules Review	Charleston, WV	3/27/24	All Licenses	2	2023-2025	Denied-Not Directly Relevant to the State of Maryland Statutes and Rules
8	DNREC Division of Water Licensing	DNREC 2024 Roto-Sonic Acrylic Well Drill Day	Dover, DE	8/23/24	All Licenses	4	2023-2025	Resubmit in July w/ Agenda or Certificate
9	Eastern Water Quality Association	EWQA Spring Training	Hagerstown, MD	5/15/24-5/16/24	All Licenses	5	2023-2025	Approved W/ Conditions
10	WQA Professional Certification Course	Assessing Water Quality Module	Virtually	Weekly—14 Week Course—2 Hours a Week	All Licenses	20	2020-2025	Approved
11	WQA Professional Certification Course	Application and Sizing for Aesthetic Contaminants Module	Virtually	Weekly-15 Week Course – 2 Hours a Week	All Licenses	20	2023-2025	Approved
12	WQA Professional Certification Course	Application for Sizing and drinking water Contaminants Module	Virtually	13 Week Course- 2 Hours a Week	All Licenses	20	2023-2025	Approved

13	WQA Professional Certification Course	Installer Module	Virtually	Weekly 13 Week Course – 2 Hours a Week	All Licenses	20	2023-2025	Approved
14	WQA Professional Certification Course	Troubleshooting Module	Virtually	Self-Paced	All Licenses	10	2023-2025	Approved
15	WQA Professional Certification Course	Water Treatment Design Module	Virtually	Self-Paced	All Licenses	20	2023-2025	Approved
16	WQA Professional Certification Course	Ethics Module	Virtually	Self-Paced	All Licenses	4	2023-2025	Approved
17	South Atlantic Jubilee	2024 South Atlantic Jubilee	Myrtle Beach, SC	7/27/24-2/29/24	All Licenses	Up to 9.5	2023-2025	Approved
18	DE Technical Community College	Workshop Panel: Emergency Preparedness	Dover, DE	3/14/24	All Licenses	1.5	2023-2025	Approved
19	DE Technical Community College	Workshop Panel: PFAS Training	Dover, DE	3/14/24	All Licenses	1.5	2023-2025	Approved
20	DE Technical Community College	Workshop Panel: Lead & Copper Rule Revisions	Dover, DE	3/14/24	All Licenses	1.5	2023-2025	Approved
21	Watts Water	Cross-Connection Control & Backflow Prevention	Virtually	12/16/23	All Licenses	1	2023-2025	Approved
22	Watts Water	Wireless Water Leak Detection Systems for Commercial Applications	Virtually	12/16/23	All Licenses	1	2023-2025	Approved
23	Watts Water	New Technology in Backflow Prevention the Future is Now	Virtually	12/16/24	All Licenses	1	2023-2025	Approved
24	Watts Water	Whole Home Filtration System	Virtually	12/16/24	All Licenses	1	2023-2025	Approved
25	PGWA	2024 PGWA Summer Field Conference	Watsonstown, PA	06/07/24	All Licenses	6	2023-2025	Approved

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the above courses. The motion passed unanimously.

- June 12<sup>th</sup> Exam Results

SCHEDULED	31
SHOWED	20
RESCHEDULED	3
NO SHOW	5
PASSED	11
FAILED	9
AVERAGE GRADE	66%

**Types of Exams to Pass**

Apprentice Well Driller- 4  
Journeyman Well Driller – Water Supply- 3  
Journeyman Well Driller – General- 1  
Master Well Driller – Geotechnical- 2  
Master Well Driller – General- 1

**Types of Exams to Fail**

Apprentice Well Driller- 7  
Journeyman Well Driller – Water Supply- 1  
Pump Installer- 1

**Applicants That Passed the Examination**

Nicolas Burke – Apprentice Well Driller  
Michael Easterday – Journeyman Well Driller- Water Supply  
Ty Easterday – Apprentice Well Driller  
Kevin Collin Fitzgerald – Apprentice Well Driller  
Jimmie Haney – Journeyman Well Driller- General  
William J. Holden – Master Well Driller- Geotechnical  
Corey McAllister – Master Well Driller- General  
Ryan McCormack – Master Well Driller- Geotechnical  
Jerry Miller III – Journeyman Well Driller- Water Supply  
Jorge Sorto – Apprentice Well Driller  
Nathan Wilson – Journeyman Well Driller- Water Supply

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the above applicants who passed their respective examinations. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Peoples left the meeting at 10:25AM.

- Exam Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend
1	George, Shayne	JSD	Sperry Drilling	Recommend & Approved
2	Bischoff, Joseph	MSD	Bischoff's Well Drilling	Denied – Recommended to Sit for the Apprentice Exam
3	Christianson, Dakota	AWD	Parratt-Wolff	Recommend & Approved
4	Fogelsanger, Steven	API	Negley's	Recommend & Approved
5	Nieves, Michelle	AWD	Negley's	Recommend & Approved
6	Clapper, Joseph	AWD	Negley's	Recommend & Approved
7	Corne, Jordan	AWD	Negley's	Recommend & Approved

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the applicants to take the examination with the listed conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

**Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry**

Nothing to report.

**Board Vote to Move into Closed Session**

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Mike Hall to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Mike Hall to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Dave Kelly that was seconded by Mike Hall, Board members approved moving into closed session on June 26, 2024, 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:

Hahns Hairston, Larry Brenneman, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples. MDE staff present were Amanda Redmiles, Jennifer Bowman and Alex Rubin.

Pursuant to legal provisions, Larry Brenneman read the closed meeting disclaimer.

**Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting**

Board members reviewed and approved the June 26, 2024, closed meeting minutes; discussed the update on Calvert County Plumbing Board matter; were updated on previous violations; discussed Board vacancy applications and provided recommendations; and worked in updating regulations.