



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.

* Please note, this is a hybrid meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend either by accessing the virtual link, calling into the below phone number, or attending in person at the address information listed below.

Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet

Video Link: <https://meet.google.com/mzb-ggbu-giv> Phone: +1 401-594-2723 PIN: 419 642 775#

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

Board Members Present

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public At Large
Larry Brenneman – Western MD
Michael Hall – Eastern MD
Heather Quinn – DNR
Robert Peoples – MDE
Steven Kwiatkowski – Southern MD

MDE Staff Present

Amanda Redmiles – Executive Director
G.K. Sanchez – OAG
Alex Rubin – MDE
John Boris – MDE

Excused Absent

Dave Kelly – Central MD

Guests

Daniel Milligan & Sandy Milligan on behalf of Justin Crawford – L & M Well & Pump Services Inc.
Russell George & Glen Adams- Feezer Water Systems
Matt Rigatti on behalf of Anthony Stiltner - Dandelion Energy
Michael Barlow - Michael Barlow Well Drilling Service Inc.

Call to Order

Presiding Officer, Hahns Hairston, presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

Presiding Offer Comments

Hahns Hairston welcomed Steven Kwiatkowski as the Board's newest Board Member representing the Southern Maryland slot. Steven Kwiatkowski introduced himself.

Hahns Hairston welcomed our guests and invited them to introduce themselves.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Add “Glen Adams – AWC079” under Apprenticeship Expirations as 6b and change “Justin Crawford – API110” to 6a.
- Move Michael Barlow up to #9.
- Add “Application Correction” to the agenda as #8.

The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Review and Adoption of July 24th, 2024, Open Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections to remove a repetitive statement to page one under Call to Order. A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the July 24, 2024, open meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with abstention from Mike Hall and Hahns Hairston.

Apprenticeship Expirations

- Justin Crawford – API110- Amanda Redmiles advised the Board that Justin’s apprenticeship expired 4/30/2023 and therefore, the license was recently discontinued. However, the license was renewed during the renewal period in June 2023. Daniel Milligan, Justin’s sponsor and employer, spoke on behalf of Justin requesting that the Board consider allowing Justin to take the Pump Installer’s exam. Amanda Redmiles recommended that Justin be considered to sit for the exam, however in the meantime he would stay inactive. Michael Hall made a motion to follow Amanda’s recommendation and Larry Brenneman seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston allow Justin Crawford to sit for the Pump Installer examination on October 9th, 2024.
- Glen Adams – AWC079- Amanda Redmiles advised the Board that Glen’s apprenticeship expired 12/7/2021 and therefore, the license was recently discontinued. However, the license was renewed during the renewal period in June 2023. Glen Adams was joined by his sponsor, Russell George. Glen requested the Board consider allowing him to take the Water Conditioner Installer’s exam. Michael Hall made a motion to follow Amanda’s recommendation pending the application is complete and Larry Brenneman seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston to allow Glen Adams to sit for the Water Conditioner Installer examination on October 9th, 2024.

Continuing Education Clarification

Amanda Redmiles requested clarification on behalf of a licensee as to whether apprentices are required to submit 20 hours of continuing education credits during the renewal period. The question was with regards to Chapter 3.02B(2) of the regulations which states 20 credit hours of approved training may be waived for a licensee holding an apprentice license. The Board confirmed that all license holders, including apprentices, are required to submit 20 credit hours of continuing education during the renewal period.

Application Correction

Amanda Redmiles requested clarification on page 5 of the application VIII. References where is states “Attach at least one letter of reference from a Master Well Driller, Pump Installer, or Water Conditioner Installer licensed in Maryland or equivalent level of skill outside of state. Amanda elected the words or equivalent level of skill outside of state should be stricken from the application. The Board Members agreed.

Michael Barlow - Michael Barlow Well Drilling Service Inc.

Michael Barlow requested clarification from the Board regarding a letter of violation received in June of 2024. Michael advised that the error was considered corrected by the County and therefore seeking clarification on whether the violation was now considered null and void. Hahns Hairston clarified that the Board did not issue the violation and encouraged Michael Barlow to reach out to the County and obtain a letter from the County confirming the matter had been resolved.

Additionally, Michael Barlow expressed his concerns about inspectors coming onto site with regards to liability and injury. He was seeking reassurance that the State of Maryland would not pursue legal action if an inspector was to be injured onsite. Hahns Hairston expressed his understanding of Michael’s concerns but advised that the Board is limited in their purview and therefore a situation similar to the one Michael is referring to would be out of the control of the Board. Hahns encouraged Michael to reach out to the Counties he works in to get reassurance from the Counties and to seek legal advice from his own counsel. Lastly, Hahns clarified with Michael that the County inspectors are not associated with the Board.

Executive Director Comments

- FY24 Revenue & Expenditures Update-

**BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
REVENUE & EXPENDITURES FY25**

FY25 APPN \$97,366.00

Month	Running Expenditures	Monthly Expenditures	Running Revenue	Monthly Revenue
JULY	\$10,828.54	\$10,828.54	\$2,175.00	\$2,175.00
AUGUST	\$23,452.26	\$12,623.72	\$3,075.00	\$900.00
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY				
MARCH				
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
		\$23,452.26		

- Apprentice Expirations to Date
 - 10 Apprentice Well Drillers Converted to Well Rig Operators
 - 1 Apprentice Water Conditioner Changed to Expired Status
 - 2 Apprentice Pump Installer Changed to Expired Status
 - 4 Licensees Recently Passed the Exam
 - 1 Licensee Failed Twice- Waiting on 20 Hours to Reexamine
 - 2 Notice Letters were Recently Mailed

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business

- Continuing Education Credits Approval

#	Organization	Course Name	Location	Date(s)	License Category	Rec. Hours	Cycle	Outcome
1	Allegany College of Maryland	CDL B Operator Introduction (Theory) MVA 100	Cumberland, MD	3/16/24 & 3/23/24	All Licenses	16	2023-2025	Denied
2	Allegany College of Maryland	CDL B Operator Skills (Range/Road) MVA 101	Cumberland, MD	4/6/24 - 5/11/24	All Licenses	48	2023-2025	Denied
3	Virginia Water Well Association	2024 Fall Field Day	Pounding Mill, VA	10/18/2024	All Licenses	8	2023-2025	Approved
4	Del-Tech Workforce	Confined Space Entry	Georgetown, DE	10/16/2024	All Licenses	7	2023-2025	Approved
5	Del-Tech Workforce	Basic Electricity for Operators	Georgetown, DE	9/26/2024	All Licenses	7	2023-2025	Approved
6	Del-Tech Workforce	Chlorination Technology	Georgetown, DE	Self-Paced	All Licenses	8	2023-2025	Approved
7	Del-Tech Workforce	Pumps, Motors and Controls	Georgetown, DE	Self-Paced	All Licenses	8	2023-2025	Approved
8	Del-Tech Workforce	Application of Membrane Technology	Georgetown, DE	Self-Paced	All Licenses	8	2023-2025	Approved

A motion was made by Mike Hall to approve the above the indicated courses and seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion was passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- August 14th Exam Results

SCHEDULED	17
SHOWED	12
NO SHOW	5
PASSED	7
FAILED	5
AVERAGE GRADE	65%

Types of Exams to Pass

Apprentice Well Driller- 3
 Apprentice Pump Installer- 1
 Journeyman Well Driller (Water Supply)- 3

Types of Exams to Fail

Apprentice Well Driller- 5

Applicants That Passed the Examination

Andrew Burns – Apprentice Well Driller
Williams Burns – Apprentice Pump Installer
Joseph Clapper – Apprentice Well Driller
Steven Fogelsanger – Apprentice Pump Installer
Shane George – Journeyman Well Driller (Water Supply)
Joseph Miller – Journeyman Well Driller (Water Supply)
James Seipler – Journeyman Well Driller (Water Supply)

A motion was made by Steven Kwiatkowski and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve all the above applicants who passed their respective examinations. The motion was passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- Examination Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend	Outcome
1	Crawford, Justin	PIO	L&M Well and Pump Services	Recommend	Approved
2	Guidon, Jonathan O.	MSD	Sperry Drilling	Recommend	Approved
3	Long, Evan	PIO	Negley's	Recommend	Approved
4	Marshall, Anthony Robert	API & AWC	Harford Well Services	Recommend	Approved
5	Meck, Jeffrey	API & AWC	Harford Well Services	Recommend	Approved
6	Stiltner, Anthony	MSD	Dandelion Geothermal	Recommend	Conditional- Letter of Good Standing from MA and VT. Additionally seeking license requirements for both states to compare.
7	Young, Brandon Lee	API & AWC	Harford Well Services	Recommend	Approved

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to approve the above applicants to take the examinations with the listed conditions. The motion was passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Nothing to report.

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Mike Hall to go into closed session. The motion was 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 Larry Brenneman and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to go into closed session. The motion was 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 and seconded by Mike Hall Board members approved moving into closed session on September 25, 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, Mike Hall, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples and Steven Kwiatkowski. MDE staff present were Amanda Redmiles, G.K. Sanchez, Jennifer Bowman, John Boris and Alex Rubin.

Pursuant to legal provisions, Hahns Hairston read the closed meeting disclaimer.

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved the July 24, 2024, closed meeting minutes; discussed the update on Calvert County Plumbing Board matter; were updated on previous violations and discussed new violations and complaints.