



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 @ 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/kou-pvbh-khy>

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Board Members Present

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

MDE Staff Present

Amanda Redmiles – Executive Director
Jennifer Bowman – OAG
Nicole Rush – OAG
Alex Rubin – MDE

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 everyone to the meeting. Hahns reminded the Board of meeting structure and encouraged everyone to be mindful of the amount of time spent discussing a specific topic and stressed the importance of staying on topic.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Kwiatkowski and seconded by Mike Hall to approve the agenda with no changes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Review and Adoption of December 18th, 2024, Open Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski to approve the minutes with the following changes:

- 1) On page 1 correct the spelling of Robert Peoples name.
- 2) Add the following statement within the Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry section: A concern was discussed regarding potential unlicensed drilling in Wicomico County. The Board requested MDE to convey to appropriate parties that they need to be observed/overseen by licensed professionals.

The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Executive Director Comments

- FY25 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	\$29,798.84	\$6,346.58	\$3,725.00	\$650.00
OCTOBER	\$53,306.67	\$23,507.83	\$4,250.00	\$525.00
NOVEMBER	\$65,732.45	\$12,425.78	\$5,025.00	\$775.00
DECEMBER			\$5,875.00	\$850.00
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY				
MARCH				
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
		\$65,732.45		

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	PGWA	2025 PGWA Winter Conference	Hanover, PA	1/23 - 1/24	All Licenses	9 Hours	2023-2025	Approved
2	Water Quality University	Water Rights School	Richmond, VA	10/4/2024	All Licenses	7 Hours	2023-2025	Approved

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

- Examination Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend	Outcome
1	Boyer, Jeff	PIO	Negley's	Recommend	Board Approved
2	Dice, William	API	Negley's	Recommend	Board Approved
3	MacDonald, Patrick	AWD	Parratt-Wolff	Recommend	Board Approved

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Heather Quinn 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

The Maryland Delaware Water Well Association annual convention will be held February 6th and 7th.

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Heather Quinn 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 exceptions(s) (see below).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Steven Kwiatkowski adjourn the meeting. 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 Heather Quinn and seconded by Mike Hall Board members approved moving into closed session on January 15, 2025, 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.