



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M.
*Virtual/Teleconference Meeting

Video/Teleconference via Google Hangouts Meet
Video Link: <https://meet.google.com/kou-pvbh-khy>
Phone: +1 405-489-2121 PIN: 645 945 502#

Board Members Present

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

MDE Staff Present

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

Excused Absent

Robert Peoples – MDE
Steven Kwiatkowski – Southern MD

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.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the agenda with addition of virtual only disclaimer on header. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Review and Adoption of January 15th, 2025, Open Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the minutes with one minor change to the adjournment section.

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	\$78,633.45	\$12,901.00	\$5,875.00	\$850.00
JANUARY	\$91,715.73	\$13,082.28	\$9,350.00	\$3,475.00
FEBRUARY				
MARCH				
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
		\$91,715.73		

Renewal Clarification

Amanda Redmiles posed the question to the Board as to whether there is a cut off date for newly issued licenses that are required to renew. The Board requires renewal of all licenses despite the date of issuance, but this will be matter will be discussed during the regulations rewrite.

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	BAROID	BAROID IDP Core Training	Online	03/01/2025	All Licenses	8 Hours	2023-2025	Approved
2	National Groundwater Association	Groundwater Week 2024	Online	06/01/2023 - 06/01/2025	All Licenses	1 Hour Each	2023-2025	Approved
3	At Your Own Pace	360 Water Treatment Series Package	Online	06/01/2023 - 06/01/2025	All Licenses	5 Hours	2023-2025	Approved
4	Tri-State Drilling Contractors Assoc	2025 Annual Tri-State Drilling Contractors	Harrisburg, PA	05/09/2025	All Licenses	6 Hours	2023-2025	Approved

		Association Training Day						
5	PA Rural Water Association	2024 PA Rural Water Annual Conference	State College, PA	03/19/2024 - 03/21/2024	All Licenses	3 Hours Each	2023-2025	Approved

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

- Examination Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend	Outcome
1	Ballew, Matthew	JGD	Negley's Well Drilling, Inc.	Recommend	Board Approved
2	Evans, Daric	AWD	Somerset Well Drilling	Recommend	Board Approved
3	Gamble, Logan	AWD	Negley's Well Drilling, Inc.	Recommend	Board Approved
4	Gartner, Dave	MGD	Mountain Research	Not Recommended	Board Not Approved - Lack of Experience
5	Gribble, Hayden	API	D&D Advanced Water Technologies	Recommend	Board Approved
6	Grimes, Ryan	AWD	Fogles Well Drilling, LLC	Recommend	Board Approved
7	Lopez, Angelo	AWD	Negley's Well Drilling, Inc.	Recommend	Board Approved
9	Peoples, Jamel	AWD	Kim Engineering	Recommend	Board Approved
8	Perez, Wilder Gonzales	AWD	A.C. Schultes of Delaware	Recommend	Board Approved
10	Robinson, Benjamin	AWD	Negley's Well Drilling, Inc.	Recommend	Board Approved
11	Wetzel, Eric	MGD	Mountain Research	Not Recommended	Board Not Approved - Lack of Experience
12	Yingling, Joel	MWD	Harley Well Drilling	Recommend	Board Approved
13	Zetina, Juan	AWD	Somerset Well Drilling	Recommend	Board Approved

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

- February 21st Exam Results

SCHEDULED	6
SHOWED	6
PASSED	4
FAILED	2
AVERAGE GRADE	72%

Types of Exams to Pass
Apprentice Well Driller- 4

Types of Exams to Fail

Apprentice Well Driller- 2

Applicants That Passed the Examination

Jefferson Cruz– Apprentice Well Driller
Oscar Martinez– Apprentice Well Driller
Angel Perez-Cruz– Apprentice Well Driller
Thomas Sedlmeyer– Apprentice Well Driller

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve all the above applicants who passed their respective examinations. The motion was passed unanimously.

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 exceptions(s) (see below).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Larry Brenneman to 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 Larry Brenneman and seconded by Mike Hall Board members approved moving into closed session on February 26, 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.