



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday June 24, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M.
Video/ Teleconference via Google Hangouts Meet
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As of March 5, 2020, the Board of Well Drillers has been operating under a State of emergency and catastrophic health emergency proclaimed by Governor Hogan due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board Members Present

Larry Brenneman - Vice-Chairman / Western MD
Mike Hall - Eastern MD
Brad Hartman - Southern MD
Dave Kelly - Central MD
Heather Quinn - DNR
Robert Peoples - MDE

MDE Staff Present

Gayatri Mostaghimi, Esq. – Board Counsel
John Boris - On-Site Systems Program
Naomi Howell- On-Site Systems Program
Dee Settar- Board Oversight/ Water Supply Program

Called Out

Hahns Hairston - Chairman / Public At Large

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Vice- Chairman Brenneman called the meeting to order via video and teleconference at 9:02 a.m.

Introduction of Guests

As the meeting was held by video and teleconference, Vice-Chairman Brenneman asked if additional guests were participating and received no response.

Review and Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Vice-Chairman Brenneman presented the agenda for review and approval. Mike Hall moved to approve the meeting agenda without correction. Brad Hartman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Review and Approval of Open Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chairman Brenneman presented the minutes of the May 27, 2020 open meeting for review and approval. Mike Hall made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with one clarification. Brad Hartman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.



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Board Chair Comments

Vice-Chairman Brenneman welcomed all attendees. He expressed hope everyone is safe and is enjoying the summer.

Report by Water Supply Staff Acting in the Capacity of the Vacant Executive Director

A. Dee Settar provided the cumulative Revenue and Expenditures Report to the Board for the period of December 31, 2019 thru May 27, 2020. She will continue to provide a six month running tabulation of revenue and expenditures.

Revenues and Expenditures - as of May 31, 2020

Appropriation FY 2020	\$114,663.00
Expenses	\$ 63,073.01
Revenue	\$ 10,200.00
Encumbrance	\$ 0.00

New Business

A. Qualifications of Exam Applicants

Dee Settar read a brief description of the qualifications for each of the four exam applicants and recommended:

- Three applicants to take the appropriate examination with conditions as discussed; and
- One applicant must provide additional documentation to convey riling-related work in the past two years and applicable experience to take the requested exam.

Mike Hall made a motion for the three applicants to be qualified to take the examination as discussed and that the fourth applicant is not approved at this time. Dave Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

B. Exam Results

Dee Settar provided the results for the June 3, 2020 exams. Mike Hall made a motion for the four applicants who passed their exam to be issued the appropriate license, pending receipt of the proper fee and required documentation. Brad Hartman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Exams Passed	4
Exams Failed	1
Percentage Passed	80%
Percentage Failed	20%
Average Grage	73%



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New Business, continued

C. Clarification of Approved Continuing Education

Dee Settar asked for clarification of credit hours for the 2020 Delaware Drillers Conference and provided an update on previously discussed applications from the National Ground Water Association. Board Members discussed the pandemic-related impact to future available training and Dee Settar offered details on requirements for distance learning that were instituted by the Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators. Heather Quinn requested the Board of Well Drillers receive a copy of a letter sent by the WWSO Board to training sponsors that outlines requirements for virtual/ distance learning training and requested a separate list of online training be available for drillers on the Board's web page.

Old Business

Dee Settar requested the Board meet in Closed Session during the July meeting to discuss several violation letters received by County Health Departments and to discuss a violation initiated by former the Executive Director, Elaine Nolan, in December 2019.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

A potential "shortfall of training opportunities" that will result from pandemic-related cancellations of numerous conferences was discussed. Board Members discussed the possibility of larger drilling companies partnering with vendors to develop localized training opportunities and including smaller drilling companies, currently available webinar-type online classes provided by vendors, outdoor "demonstration" events, and use of hotel conference room broadcasts with reduced capacity. Members raised concern for social distancing and class size for live classes as well as unfamiliarity with computer-based training and limited access to localized training in parts of the State

Adjournment

Dave Kelly motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brad Hartman seconded the motion. The motion passed at 10:19 a.m. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.