
Open Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 16, 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

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public At Large
Larry Brenneman – Vice Chairman/ Western MD
Brad Hartman- Southern MD
Dave Kelly – Central MD
Mike Hall – Eastern MD
Heather Quinn – DNR
Robert Peoples – MDE

MDE Staff Present

Duane Johnson – Executive Director
Gayatri Mostaghimi – Board Counsel
John Boris – MDE, Onsite Systems Division
Dee Settar - MDE, Water Supply Program
Division Chief

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chairman Hahns Hairston called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

Review and Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Chairman Hairston presented the agenda for review and approval. A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Brad Hartman and seconded by Dave Kelly. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Review and Approval of November 18, 2020 meeting minutes

Chairman Hairston presented the minutes of the November 18, 2020 open meeting for review and approval and asked for any modifications. Heather Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes with two modifications to include her previously submitted comments; the motion was seconded by Mike Hall. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Board Chair Comments

Chairman Hairston welcomed all attendees to the meeting. He sent condolences to Dee Settar on the passing of her mother.

Report for Executive Director

a. Revenues and Expenditures – October 2020 – November, 2020

Appropriation FY 2021	\$118,670
October Revenue	\$\$775.00
November Revenue	\$\$450.00
October Expenses	\$10,059.50
November Expenses	\$10,625.71
October Expense Cumulative	\$34,697.30
November Expense Cumulative	\$45,323.01

b. Duane Johnson provided the Board with the December 2, 2020 exam results:

# passed	2
# failed	2
% passed	50%
% failed	50%
Average Grade	64.7 %

Mike Hall made a motion to approve the two applicants (Lonny Hurd-MWD-Water Supply and Thomas Lazzari-AWD) who scored 70 and above on the exam to be granted their appropriate license; the motion was seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

c. Duane Johnson mentioned that the State of Maryland Supervision Letter that Hahns signed was sent to Secretary Ben Grumbles, but he has not heard back from the Secretary yet. Duane asked the Board if there is anything, he should be doing at this point to get ready for renewals. Robert Peoples said there should be a SOP that former Executive Director of the Board, Elaine Nolan, used to prepare for renewals.

New Business

a. Review and discussion of Continuing Education request:
 It was decided by the Board to divide the Eastern Water Quality Association (“EWQA”) course into five separate courses:

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No.	Organization	Name of Course	Location	Dates	License Category	Rec. Hrs.
2021-135	EWQA	Waters you can treat successfully, identifying issues with iron, odors, ph and TDS	Online	10/15 to 12/18/2020	For all classes: AWC, WCI, MWD, MSD, JSD, JWD, AWD (not MGD, JGD, PIO, API)	1.5
2021-136	EWQA	Wacky Wonderful World of Water	Online	10/15 to 12/18/2020	For all classes: AWC, WCI, MWD, MSD, JSD, JWD, AWD (not MGD, JGD, PIO, API)	1.0
2021-137	EWQA	Treating PFAS with Carbon & Ion Exchange	Online	10/15 to 12/18/2020	For all classes: AWC, WCI, MWD, MSD, JSD, JWD, AWD (not MGD, JGD, PIO, API)	1.0
2021-138	EWQA	Legionella: Best Practices	Online	10/15 to 12/18/2020	For all classes: AWC, WCI, MWD, MSD, JSD, JWD, AWD (not MGD, JGD, PIO, API)	1.0
2021-139	EWQA	Having a Healthy Home During a Pandemic	Online	10/15 to 12/18/2020	For all classes: AWC, WCI, MWD, MSD, JSD, JWD, AWD (not MGD, JGD, PIO, API)	1.0
2021-140	Maryland Rural Water Association ("MRWA")	Process Math for Operators	Online	Continuous	AWC, WCI, AWD, MWD, MSD, JWD, JSD (not MGD, JGD, PIO, API)	6.5

The Board asked if MRWA would be offering a lunch break. Dee Settar verified that there will be a half hour break reducing the CEU from 7 to 6.5 hrs.

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A motion to approve all courses for the hours and license types indicated on the chart above was made by Brad Hartman and seconded by Dave Kelly. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

b. Exam Qualification:

Duane Johnson read the qualifications for the following exam applicants and recommended that they be approved to take the exam indicated on February 2, 2021:

Michael Brown	Apprentice Well Driller
Eric Mirfield	Apprentice Well Driller
Michael Ward	Apprentice Well Driller
Alfonso Madrid	Apprentice Well Driller

It was determined that Alfonso Madrid did not meet the requirements to take the Apprentice Well Driller exam at this time.

Larry Brenneman made a motion for the other three applicants to take the examinations without conditions. Heather Quinn seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Chairman Hahns Hairston asked Duane Johnson to make sure that Duane includes all items that he plans to discuss with the Board on the agenda. He also suggested having a general comment bullet under the Executive Director's comments.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Mike Hall announced that Ed Kelly of Atlantic Coastal passed away recently.

BOARD VOTE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on motion by Larry Brenneman, seconded by Mike Hall, the Board members voted with one abstention by Hahns Hairston to move into closed session on December 16, 2020 at 10:32 a.m. for the purpose of complying with certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

GP § 3-305(b) (2) – To protect the privacy and reputation of the applicant,

GP § 3-305(b) (7) – To obtain legal advice on options in a confidential matter.

Specifically, the Board discussed the status of the Board of Well Drillers Waiver Form and reviewed October 2020 and November 2020 Closed Meeting Minutes.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Brad Hartman. The motion passed at 10:32 a.m. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.