

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

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**Minutes of Open Meeting  
Aeris Room  
Maryland Department of the Environment  
1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230  
November 15, 2017**

**Board Members Present**

Hahns Hairston – Board Chair  
Brad Hartman  
Robert Peoples – MDE  
Heather Quinn – DNR  
Larry Brenneman  
Wayne Caswell

**Staff Present**

Elaine Nolen – Executive Director  
Neil Winner – MDE, Water Supply  
John Boris – MDE, On-site Systems Div  
Ellen Cohill, Esq. – Board Counsel

**Board Members Absent**

John Shannahan

**Call to Order**

With a quorum present, Chairman Hairston called the meeting to order in the Aeris Conference Room at 9:16 AM.

**Review and Adoption of Proposed Meeting Agenda**

Chairman Hairston presented the agenda for review and approval and asked for any corrections. A motion to approve the proposed meeting agenda with corrections was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Brad Hartman. Motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

**Review of Draft Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Hairston presented the draft minutes of the October 25, 2017 meeting for approval and asked for any corrections. A motion to approve the draft meeting minutes with corrections was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Robert Peoples. Motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

**Director's Report**

a. Revenues and Expenditures – As of October 30, 2017	
Appropriation FY 2018	\$112,240.00
Expenses	\$ 31,609.12
Revenue	\$ 10,125.00

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- b. Elaine Nolen provided the Board with an update on her leave schedule. Neil Winner will proctor the December 6 examination.

### Ongoing Business

- a. Update on Stay of Order was moved to New Business
- b. Discussion of the option of future hearings being administered by OAH, Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. Elaine Nolen provided a draft letter to the Maryland Delaware Water Well Association. Additional changes were discussed so a second draft will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

### New Business

- a. The December 6, 2017 exam roster was distributed for review. Elaine Nolen provided a brief description of the qualifications of each applicant and recommended 15 persons for 16 exams to the Board. A motion to approve each applicant for examination was made by Brad Hartman and seconded by Robert Peoples. Motion was approved unanimously with no absentions.

- b. Review and discussion of Continuing Education requests:

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Approved Hours</b>
<b>1</b>	WV Department of Health and Human Services	Program Overview and Regulations - Using Meters for Pump Troubleshooting - Collecting GPS Locations	Union, Flatwoods, Martinsburg, WV	10/19/2017 and 10/26/2017	2.0
<b>2</b>	Hellenbrand	Interactive Training for Technicians	Kent Island, MD	6/20 to 6/21/17	Not approved

A motion to approve course 1 was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Heather Quinn. Course 2 approval is pending description of training topics. Motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

- c. Violations/Complaints:

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	Name	Company	Date	Originator	Location/ Well Tag ID	Description	Status
V-1	Ben Wood	Lifetime	10/24/2017	Talbot Co	TA-16-0085	Failed to provide correct Lat/Long coordinates. Awaiting update from Ann Siefer 11/14/17	
V-2	Joseph Fairbank	B.L. Myers	11/1/2017	Talbot Co	TA-13-0300	Well Permit expired, no Well Completion Report submitted. Awaiting update from Ann Siefer 11/14/17	

	Company
C-1	Phillips/Ginn

Originator	Location/ Well Tag ID	Description	Status
Karen Miller Miller Properties	None	Complaint - work quality and equipment	

- d. Discussion on status of previous violations, which are currently in process.
- e. Review of examinations: this task was postponed until the next Board meeting.
- f. Ellen Cohill provided an update on the status of the current suspension of Master Well Driller John Bischoff.

### Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

General discussion regarding contractual arrangements between rig owners and licensed Master Well Drillers, which are outside the purview of the Board. In the event that the well driller licensing and the well construction regulations are adhered to during all phases of work, especially in regards to Master Well driller overseeing work of unlicensed helpers on-site, there is no need for Board action.

### Adjournment

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The motion to adjourn the open meeting was made by Wayne Caswell and seconded by Heather Quinn. The motion passed at 12:55. Motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions