

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

**Minutes of Open Meeting
Aeris Room
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230
February 28, 2018**

Board Members Present

Hahns Hairston – Board Chair
Larry Brenneman
Jack Shannahan
Robert Peoples – MDE
Heather Quinn – DNR

Guests Present

Brian W. Smith
Pam Franks – MDE Water Supply Program
Naomi Howell – MDE On-site Systems Division
John Boris – MDE, On-site Systems Division

Staff Present

Elaine Nolen – Executive Director
Neil Winner – MDE, Water Supply Program
Ellen Cohill, Esq. – Board Counsel

Board Members Absent

Wayne Caswell
Brad Hartman

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chairman Hairston called the meeting to order in the Aeris Conference Room at 9:15 AM.

Review and Adoption of Proposed Meeting Agenda

Chairman Hairston presented the agenda for review and approval and asked for any modifications. A motion to approve the proposed meeting agenda with modifications was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Larry Brenneman. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hairston presented the minutes of the January 24, 2018 open meeting for review and approval and asked for any modifications. A motion to approve the open meeting minutes with corrections was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Chairman Hairston presented the minutes of the January 24, 2018 closed meeting for review and approval and asked for any modifications. A motion to approve the closed meeting

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minutes was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Board Chair Comments

Chairman Hairston welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked each person to introduce himself or herself for the benefit of guests.

Director's Report

Elaine Nolen provided the following updates:

- a. Revenues and Expenditures – As of December 31, 2017

Appropriation FY 2018	\$112,240.00
Expenses	\$ 58,610.27
Revenue	\$ 14,700.00

- b. New licenses issued to date for this year:

<i>License Number</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Month Issued</i>
API108	Andrew	Lankford	Phelps	January-18
AWC086	Cody	Kershner	Kershner's	January-18
AWD042	Wesley	Smith	KIM Engineering	January-18
AWD044	Patricio	Villafuerte	Somerset Well Drilling	January-18
AWD045	Victor	Villafuerte	Somerset Well Drilling	January-18
PI0179	Carter	Eric	Phelps	January-18
PI0181	Cody	Kershner	Kershner's	January-18
PI0182	Steven	Donadio	Well Water Services	February-18

Ongoing Business

- a. Elaine Nolen provided an update on the violations reported at the January, 2018 meeting: CA-17-0253, issued to Marshall Arnette, was an unsuccessful well that was pumping sand. A replacement well permit has been issued and the well replaced.

New Business

- a. A review of House Bill790 was provided by Ellen Cohill. If passed, this bill would become effective October, 2018. The bill would require the Department of Legislative Services to do a full evaluation for boards every 30 years, the first of which would be 2048. A full evaluation is a detailed preliminary evaluation with interviews conducted with the Board, staff, and possibly citizens. In addition, Ellen Cohill stated that according to § 8-

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403(b)(56) of the State Government Article, the Board is due for a preliminary evaluation in 2018. Preliminary evaluations are typically conducted in the summer.

b. The February 7 and February 14, 2018 exam results:

# pass	10
# fail	7
% pass	59%
% fail	41%
Average Grade	71%

A motion to issue licenses to everyone who passed with a grade of 70 or above was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Heather Quinn. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

c. Review and discussion of Continuing Education requests:

	Organization	Name of Course	Location	Dates	Approved Hours
1	Eastern Water Quality Association	Spring 2018 – Water Treatment Training	Frederick, MD	5/17/18	6.0

A motion to approve the course was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

d. Violations/Complaints:

Violation Number	Name & License Number	Company	Date	Originator	Location/ Well Tag ID	Description	Status
V-1 (02-2018)	Allen Compton MSD009	Fogles Well Drilling	1/26/2018	Montgomery Co Jason Flemming	MO-16-0265 25602 Burnt Hill Rd Clarksburg	Did not fill and seal two unsuccessful dry wells after they were drilled during the last week of January 2017.	In progress - Awaiting additional information
v-2 (02-2018)	Marshal Arnette MSD106	Calvert Well Drilling	1/31/2018	Calvert Co James Whitney	CA-17-0352 3575 Ferry	Well not 30 feet from foundation. Well tag not in place	In progress - Awaiting additional information

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					Landing Rd Dunkirk	after grouting complete.	
v-3 (02-2018)	Edward Gross MWD580	Long Green Drilling	2/6/2018	Howard Co Joseph Cabahug	15510 Foxpaw Trail Woodbine	Drilled without notifying county one business day prior.	Resolved
v-4 (02-2018)	Maurice Dixon MSD006	Carroll Water Systems	2/13/2018	Frederick Co Karen Amoss	FR-18-008	Drilled without notifying county one business day prior.	Resolved

V-2 (02-2018) & V-1 (02-2018)	Marshal Arnette MSD106	Calvert Well Drilling	1/31/2018	Calvert Co Matt Cumers	two locations	Two separate drilling events where wells were drilled in conflict with COMAR. Field revisions not reviewed or approved by County.	In progress - Awaiting additional information
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- e. A draft new application form was provided by Elaine Nolen for Board review and comment. Recommended changes were recorded. A revised instruction page will be created and presented to the Board prior to distribution of the revised new application form.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Meeting guest, Brian Smith, initiated discussion of industry interest in licensees having access to online notice of drilling, grouting and testing activities. Brian Smith will recommend to the MD-DE Water Well Association that they address a letter to Lee Currey, Director of Water Science Administration. In addition, there was discussion of the NGWA position of the term “navigable waters” applying to groundwater.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the open meeting was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion passed at 11:58 a.m. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.