

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M**

Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet

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**Board Members Present**

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

**MDE Staff Present**

Gayatri Mostaghimi - Board Counsel  
Dee Settar - Water Supply Program, MDE  
John Boris - Wastewater Permits, MDE  
Duane Johnson - Executive Director

**Board Members Not Present**

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public At Large

**Guests**

Samuel Connelly - Mid Atlantic Local Chapter of the National Drilling Association (NDA)  
Somendra Kahatapitiya - NDA  
Michael Willey - NDA  
Dave Krahl - NDA  
Samuel Glover - MDE  
Sajid Chowdhury - MDE  
Unknown phone caller

**Call to Order By**

Board Vice-Chair, Larry Brenneman who presided over the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Larry Brenneman asked Duane Johnson to conduct the roll call of anyone present at the virtual meeting.

**Presiding Officer Comments**

Larry Brenneman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Brad Hartman to approve the agenda. The motion passed with no abstentions.

**Mid Atlantic Local Chapter of the National Drilling Association**

Representatives from the National Drilling Association (NDA) shared their thoughts on several topics including: The current structure of the licensing program, the creation of an apprentice geotechnical driller examination that covers auger drilling and monitoring, and well-drilling regulations to license individuals as Apprentice Geotechnical Drillers. They also talked about providing content and help to the Board with developing the Apprentice Geotechnical Driller examination. The Board decided to keep this topic on the agenda for the future.

**Review and Adoption of October 27, 2021, Remote Open Meeting Minutes**

The Board decided to vote on the October 27, 2021 meeting minutes at the December meeting because pertinent information was missing.

**Executive Director Comments**

Duane Johnson shared the revenue with the Board and indicated that expenditure information would be provided at the December 2021 meeting.

**FY: 2022 APPROPRIATION \$98,386.00**

REVENUE	\$225.00
EXPENDITURES	Not available

**New Business**

- **Training Courses for Approval**

Organization	Name of Course	Location	Dates	License Category	Rec. Hrs.	Cycle
National Drilling Association	NDA Buckeye/Tri-State Training Day 2021	Salt Fork Lodge, Cambridge, OH	11/19/2021	All Drillers	5	2021-2023
Allegany College of Maryland	Drone Training	Allegany, MD	9/14/2021 thru 11/4/2021	-	32	2021-2023

The Board considered which training courses to approve. A motion made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the NDA training courses passed with no abstentions. The Board requested additional information such as; proving how the Drone course is related to well-drilling before considering to approve or not.

### **Old Business**

- **Online Permitting Update**

John Boris said he has no new news right now, and that the major hurdle at the moment appears to be funding. He said at this point he doesn't see anybody pushing to get online permitting done. Dee Settar asked if the hold-up is a result of DOIT. John said it is a combination of a lot of folks. Heather Quinn asked about the status of the fillable form. John said it is completed and ready to go. Larry Brenneman said he will see what he can do to get the ball rolling on the online permitting issue with the involvement of Senator Edwards.

A motion was made by Heather Quinn to go into Closed Session that was seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion passed with no abstentions.

### **Adjournment**

A motion made by Mike Hall to adjourn the open meeting was seconded by Brad Hartman. The motion passed with no abstentions.

### **Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Heather Quinn that was seconded by Robert Peoples, the Board members approved moving into closed session on November 17, 2021 at 9:51 a.m. for the purpose of complying with certain 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.

The Board Chair read the closed meeting disclaimer pursuant to legal provisions.

### **Topics Discussed During Closed Meeting**

Board members reviewed and approved the October 27, 2021, Closed Meeting Minutes, discussed the Board's authority to make certain regulation changes and the Open Meetings Compliance Board complaint.

