

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 25, 2022, @ 9:00 A.M
Video/Teleconference via Google Hangouts Meet
Video Link: meet.google.com/zdj-rxdy-okt
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Board Members Present

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

MDE Staff Present

Gayatri Mostaghimi - Board Counsel
John Boris - MDE, Wastewater Permits
Duane Johnson - Executive Director

Board Members not Present

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Guest Present

Christopher Freeman

Call to Order

Presiding Officer Larry Brenneman presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

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

Presiding Officer Comments

Larry Brenneman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion made by Mike Hall was seconded by Brad Hartman to approve the agenda. The motion passed with no abstentions.

Review and Adoption of April 27, 2022, Remote Open Meeting Minutes

A motion made by Mike Hall and seconded by Heather Quinn to approve the April 27, 2022 open meeting minutes passed with no abstentions.

Executive Director's Comments

- **Revenue & Expenditures 2022**

MARCH	
REVENUE	\$1,075.00
EXPENDITURES	\$98,580.31
APRIL (Draft)	
REVENUE	\$450.00
EXPENDITURES	\$108,951.29

MONTH	EXPENDITURE
JULY 2021	\$9,123.97
AUGUST 2021	\$10,425.58
SEPTEMBER 2021	\$10,424.84
OCTOBER 2021	\$10,422.84
NOVEMBER 2021	\$15,610.19
DECEMBER 2021	\$9,564.52
JANUARY 2022	\$12,186.72
FEBRUARY 2022	\$10,455.95
MARCH 2022	\$10,365.70
APRIL 2022	\$10,370.98
MAY 2022	N/A
JUNE 2022	N/A
TOTAL	\$108,951.29

New Business

- **Training Course for Approval**

ORGANIZATION	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	DATE	LICENSE CATEGORY	REC. HRS	CYCLE
National Drilling Association (NDA)	NDA Mid-Atlantic Training Day 2022	Walkersville, MD	5/6/22	All Drillers	7	2023

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the above training course. The motion passed with no abstentions.

- **Exam Qualifications for Approval**

Name	Exam Type	Qualification	Employer	Experience/ Equipment	Recommend
Juan Arriagci	Apprentice Well Driller	<p>Meets 1 yr. experience</p> <p>Installed or assisted with wells or well systems at 10 locations</p> <p>Sponsor MWD355 is in good standing</p> <p>Letter of recommendation received</p>	Barlow Well Drilling 2018	<p>Water wells</p> <p>Geothermal bores/Schramm T450ws</p> <p>Rand T4</p> <p>250+</p>	Approve
Daniel Barlow	Master Well Driller (MSD)	<p>WRO license WRO109 2008</p> <p>Letter of recommendation on hand</p> <p>Installed or assisted with wells or well systems at 10 locations</p>	Barlow Well Drilling 2008	<p>Water wells, Geothermal bores</p> <p>Pump tank systems,</p> <p>Water treatment/Schramm T45ws, T4</p> <p>350+</p>	Conditionally approve for JWD after verifying applicant has AWD license
Steven Brunner	Apprentice Well Driller	<p>Meets 1 yr. experience</p> <p>Installed or assisted with wells or well systems at 10 locations</p> <p>Sponsor MWD355 is in good standing</p>	Barlow Well Drilling 2021	<p>Water wells</p> <p>Geothermal bores</p> <p>Pump tank systems/Schramm T450ws</p> <p>50+</p>	Approve

		Letter of recommendation received			
Darrell Gough	Journeyman Well Driller (JGD)	Meets 3 yrs. Experience Installed or assisted with wells or well systems at 10 locations Sponsor MGD089 is in good standing License WRO115	E2CR, Inc 2003	CME 55 CME75 Geoprobe 30+	Conditionally approve after verifying applicant has a AWD and has taken the 40 hour Hazwoper course
Charles Lawyer	Master Well Driller (MSD)	WRO license WRO113 2008 Letter of recommendation on hand Installed or assisted with wells or well systems at 10 locations	Barlow Well Drilling 2008	Water well/Schramm T450ws, Geothermal bores 250+	Conditionally approve for JWD after verifying applicant has an AWD license
Daniel O'Mara	Master Well Driller (MGD)	Meets 7 yrs. Experience Operated well construction equipment for 2 of the last 3 yrs. Installed or assisted installation of wells or well systems at 10 locations	Cascade Drilling 2002-present	Monitoring well Injection well Sonic auger DPT Rotary 1100+	Hold and check on type of licenses applicant has in each state

		Licenses in DE, IN, KY, and NJ			
Jacob Weber	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets 1 yr. experience Installed or assisted in the installation of well or well systems at 10 locations Sponsor MWD355 is in good standing Letter of recommendation on hand	Barlow Well Drilling 2020-present	T4, Schramm T450ws Water wells Geothermal bores 100+	Approve
Javier Castro	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets 1 yr. experience Installed or assisted in the installation of well or well systems at 10 locations Sponsor MWD602 is in good standing Letter of recommendation on hand	Hydro Wells, LLC 2019	Pump puller Well pump replacement 1 hp/360 Installed new 62 gal. pressure tank UV systems Abandonment wells	Approve
Dillion Simmons	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets 1 yr. experience Installed or assisted in the installation of well or well systems at 10 locations	Easterday Water Services 2017	Replaced pump & wire Installed acid neutralizer Installed sediment filter Installed UV systems	Approve

		Sponsor MWD603 is in good standing Letter of recommendation on hand			
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A motion was made by Robert People and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve Juan Arriagci, Steve Brunner, Jacob Weber, Javier Castro and Dillion Simmons to take the Apprentice Well Driller exam and to conditionally approve Daniel Barlow, Darrell Gough and Charles Lawyer for the Journeyman Well Driller exam once additional information is verified. Daniel O’Mara was put on hold until additional information is provided. The motion passed with no abstentions.

The Board also requested that out-of-state master well drillers applications be forwarded to the Board.

Old Business

Mike Hall gave a brief update on the meeting the subcommittee had regarding regulation changes. He said they are in the early stages of putting together guidelines to make it easier to compare different states’ exam qualifications relating to well drilling compared to Maryland’s well drilling laws and regulations re exam qualifications.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

No Comments

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Heather Quinn to go into closed session. The motion passed with no abstentions.

The presiding officer read a written closing statement of the reason for the closed meeting, including the topics to be discussed and statutory exception(s) (see below).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brad Hartman and seconded by Robert Peoples to adjourn the open meeting at 10:16 a.m. 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 Larry Brenneman that was seconded by Robert Peoples, Board members approved moving into closed session on May 25, 2022, for the purpose of complying with the following 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 following Board members were present during the closed meeting: Presiding Officer Larry Brenneman, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall and Brad Hartman.

The following MDE staff were present during the closed meeting: Duane Johnson, John Boris and Gayatri Mostaghimi.

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

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved the April 27, 2022 closed meeting minutes and discussed new violations.