

Open Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 @ 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. Therefore, the March 24, 2021 Open Meeting was held by videoconference.

Board Members Present

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

MDE Staff Present

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

Not Present

Larry Brenneman – Called Out

Call to Order

With a quorum present Chairman Hahns Hairston called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Review and Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Chairman Hairston presented the agenda for review and approval. A motion to approve the agenda with amendments was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion was approved with amendments and one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Board Chairman Comments

Chairman Hahns Hairston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review and Approval of February 24, 2021 meeting minutes

Chairman Hairston presented the minutes from the February 24, 2021 open meeting for review and approval and asked for any modifications. Heather Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Dave Kelly. The motion was approved with amendments and one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Executive Director Comments

- a. Revenue and Expenditures for February 2021

Duane Johnson presented the Revenue and Expenditures:

Appropriation FY 2021	\$118.670
Revenue	\$6,875.00
Expenditures	\$80,673.56

b. General Comments

Duane Johnson asked the Board if the OSHA course is considered part of the 20 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) requirement for renewals. Mike Hall said that in the past it was always considered part of the 20 CEUs. Mike Hall and Dave Kelly said the course is part of OSHA’s license requirements.

Duane gave an update on licenses renewals and discussed the challenges he is having. Duane said DJ Shannahan contacted him wanting to know if the Board is ready to rewrite the Water Conditioning Installer exam. Duane informed him the Board is not considering it at the moment but will revisit it in the future.

Duane said there was some discussion centered around the implementation of a FAQ sheet for the website and that work on it will begin soon.

New Business

a. Continuing Education Approval Request

No.	Organization	Name of Course	Location	Dates	License Category	Rec. Hrs.
2021-150	Milby	Virtual Pump School	Online	3/18 – 3/19 2021	All	8.0
2021-151	Franklin Electric	Water System Seminar	Open	3/26/2021	All	8.0
2021-152	Peninsula Water	Service School	Fruitland, MD.	3/18 - 3/19 2021 (2 days)	All	11.0
2021-153	IWSD	Pump Dry -The Global Crisis of Vanishing Groundwater	Online	Continuous	All	1.0
2021-154	Wyo-Ben, Inc	Bentonite Origins/Drilling Fluids/Grouting/Small Drills	Mt Airy, MD.	3/8/2021, 5/19/2021 and other dates	All Drillers	4.0
2021-155	Mincon	DTH Hammers, Bits, and Casing Advancement Systems	Baltimore, MD.	3/8/2021, 5/18/2021 and other dates	All Drillers	4.0

A motion to approve the courses for the hours indicated above was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Industry Correspondence

Dave Kelly said that industry has been unable to reach somebody at the phone number provided on MDE website to contact Board staff. Dee Settar will request MDE to update the contact information on the Board’s website to the contact information for the Board’s Executive Director.

BOARD VOTE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to General Provisions Article (“GP”), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Robert Peoples seconded by Heather Quinn, Board members voted with one abstention by Hahns Hairston to move into closed session on March 24 at 10:57 a.m. for the purpose of complying with the below provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

GP § 3-305(b) (2) – To protect the privacy and reputation of the applicant, and GP § 3-305(b) (7) - To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Specifically, to review and approve the February 24, 2021 meeting minutes, recent changes relating to the Governor’s Executive Order on license expirations, and to discuss a complaint.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Heather Quinn at 10:56 a.m. to adjourn the opening meeting and was seconded by Brad Hartman. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.