

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

Minutes of Open Meeting February 22, 2017

Board Members Present

Hahns Hairston – Board Chairman
Wayne Caswell
Robert Peoples – MDE
Heather Quinn – DNR

Board Members Absent

John Shannahan
Brad Hartman
Larry Brenneman

Staff Present

Elaine Nolen – Executive Director
Kristen DeWire, Esq. – Board Counsel
John Boris - MDE

Call to Order

Board Chairman Hairston called the meeting to order in the Aeris Conference Room at 9:18 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 and updates was made by Mr. Caswell and seconded by Mr. Peoples. Motion carried.

Review of Draft Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hairston presented the draft minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting for approval and asked for any corrections. A motion to approve the draft meeting minutes with corrections and updates was made by Mr. Caswell and seconded by Mr. Peoples. Motion carried.

Director's Report

1. *Revenues and Expenditures* – As of January 31, 2017

a. Appropriation FY 2017	\$78,785.00
b. Expenses	\$60,320.04
c. Revenue	\$13,340.00
d. Encumbrance	\$ 398.42

Ms. Nolen will look into the cost of translating the Apprentice Well Driller and Journeyman Well Driller-Water Supply Study Guides into Spanish as a potential use of the Encumbrance funds and will report back to the Board.

Ongoing Business

1. Continuing Education requests –

Anne Arundel Community College	One and Done! Comprehensive Success Strategies	AA Co	various	0
Anne Arundel Community College	Text Anxiety	AA Co	various	0
MCET	Small Water Systems	ACM:CE Bldg	4/18/17	7
NJ Water Association	New Groundwater Supply Development	Waretown, NJ	11/12/15	3
VA Water Well Association	B2B Back to Basics		2/15-17/2017	credit for courses taken
Delaware Technical Training Community College	Electrical Blueprint Reading for Operators	Owens Campus	12/2/16	7
Delaware Technical Training Community College	Water Supply Hydrology, Sources and Water Conservation	Owens Campus	3/8/16	7
Delaware Technical Training Community College	Excavation Safety	Owens Campus	3/28/16	6
National Drilling Association	Groundwater Knowledge Certification	Online	online	
Lancaster Water Treatment	Aquatechnician 1	PA	4/26/17	7
Lancaster Water Treatment	Aquatechnician 2	PA	4/27/17	7
ISWD	Brackish Groundwater	Online	online	1
ISWD	Scope of the Drilling Industry	Online	online	1
ISWD	What A Hydrologist does	Online	online	1
ISWD	Geotechnical Drilling and Sampling	Online	Online	1
American Groundwater Trust	Groundwater Supply Workshop	Baltimore	4/17/7	7

Ms. Nolen will request a copy of the manual or other instructional material for the National Drilling Association Groundwater Knowledge Certification. In addition she will inquire about the location of the ISWD courses and get a breakdown of the time spent on each topic.

The motion to approve the courses above with the exception of National Drilling Association and ISWD courses was made by Mr. Peoples and seconded by Ms Quinn. The motion carried.

2. Status of previously reviewed violations

- a. John Bischoff – The Board determined to conduct a hearing the afternoon of the April or May Board Meeting; Mr. Bischoff will choose date.
- b. Robert Kiehne and Andrew Lankford – letters will be drafted by Ms. Nolen.

New Business

1. The February 1, 2017 exam roster with exam results was distributed for review. Mr. Peoples made the motion to issue licenses to all applicants with a 70 or above exam score. The motion was seconded by Ms. Quinn.
2. New Violations:
 - a. David Tull, dated February 13, 2017 from Talbot County for one well permits. Licensee is back in compliance.
 - b. Jeff Corron, dated January 30, 2017 from Anne Arundel County for one well permit. Per Bill Dehn with County Health, a response was received but it was on the wrong form so the matter is on hold.
 - c. Joseph Fairbank, dated February 10, 2017, from Anne Arundel County. Not in compliance, Mr. Boris will follow up with the County.
3. Discussion of well repairs done by a Master Well Driller to two wells at Woodland Center, a transient system in Anne Arundel County. Travis Sterner, MDE Water Supply Program, provided field notes and photographs of two wells which he initiated repairs to the well caps. Ms. Nolen will follow up with Mr. Sterner for additional information and status update.
4. Discussion of a draft document entitled Disciplinary Guidelines and Procedures Manual which appears to be a compilation of information from various sources, most of which are out of state. Ms. DeWire and Ms. Nolen will develop a framework for a more detailed review by the Board.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

1. Legislative Session discussion. The Maryland General Assembly is considering two bills which could potentially effect well drillers.
 - a. HB1387. Includes prohibition of fracking.
 - b. HB1561. Counties can exempt well drill owners from paying personal property tax on their rigs.

2. Mr. Boris reported that he will be offering a training course for well inspectors next month.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Caswell and seconded by Mr. Peoples. The motion passed at 12:40.