

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

**Minutes of Open Meeting
Aeris Conference Room
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230
October 24, 2018**

Board Members Present

Hahns Hairston – Chairman
Larry Brenneman – Vice-Chairman
Dave Kelly
Mike Hall
Brad Hartman
Heather Quinn – DNR
Robert Peoples – MDE

Staff Present

Elaine Nolen – Executive Director
Neil Winner – MDE, Water Supply

Board Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Chris Blanchet

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chairman Hahns Hairston called the meeting to order in the Aeris Conference Room at 9:19 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 Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hairston presented the minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting for review and approval and asked for any corrections. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Board Chair Comments

Chairman Hairston welcomed guest, Chris Blanchet. Board members and staff introduced themselves in turn.

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Director's Report

- a. Revenues and Expenditures – As of September 30, 2018

Appropriation FY 2018	\$111,179.00
Expenses	\$ 24,092.47
Revenue	\$ 4,900.00

- b. Commissioning of Board members update – The Governor's Appointment Office expects to send the remaining two appointment notice letters after the election.
- c. Elaine Nolen sent apprenticeship expiration notification letters to seven licensees whose apprenticeships expire between 6/1/19 and 12/31/19. Those licenses may be renewed in 2019 but the licenses expire on the expiration date of the apprenticeship, not on 6/1/21.

Old Business

- a. The instruction page for the revised Application for License Examination was reviewed by the Board. All comments were for the purpose of clarification of the process. Elaine Nolen took note of all Board comments and will incorporate them into the document prior to posting them online.
- b. A letter requesting information has been sent to Greenacre Plumbing. A reply has not been received to date.
- c. Two letters requesting information of licensees Glenn D Ford and Alan Compton are in process and expected to be sent soon.

New Business

- a. October 3, 2018 exam results:

# pass	18
# fail	4
% pass	82%
% fail	18%
Average Grade	74%

A motion to approve everyone who passed with a grade of 70 and above was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Brad Hartman. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

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b. Review and discussion of the college transcript for applicant Matthew Hall, per COMAR 26.05.01.04C. A motion to substitute two years of required experience with specific education was made by Brad Hartman and seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion was approved unanimously with one abstention, Mike Hall.

c. Review and discussion of Continuing Education requests:

	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Name of Course</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Approved Hours</i>
1	Franklin Electric	Water Systems Seminar	Mechanicsburg, PA	3/9/18	6.0
2	PA DEP	Lead and Copper Rule Basics	State College, PA	3/20/18	3.0
3	PA DEP	Understanding Filters Optimization and Maintenance	State College, PA	3/21/18	3.0
4	PA DEP	Funding to Help Maintain and Improve Water and Wastewater	State College, PA	3/21/18	3.0
5	PA DEP	Chemicals and Chemical Metering Pumps	State College, PA	3/21/18	3.0
6	PA DEP	Chlorination for Water and Wastewater Disinfection	State College, PA	3/22/18	3.0
7	PA DEP	What the Numbers are Really Telling Us - pH, Turbidity and Calibration	State College, PA	3/22/18	3.0
8	PA DEP	Water Quality Parameters and Monitoring Basics	State College, PA	3/22/18	3.0
9	PGWA	2018 Summer Field Conference	Bellefonte, PA	6/8/18	5.0
10	Franklin Electric	Submersible Pump Seminar	Edgewater, MD	11/1/18	4.0
11	Miss Utility	Open Damage Prevention Training and Safety Training	Upper Marlboro. MD	12/7/18 11/2/18	4.0

A motion to approve the courses/events for the hours indicated on the chart above was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Larry Brenneman. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

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d. Review and discussion of violations/complaints:

<i>Number</i>	<i>Name & License Number</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Originator</i>	<i>Well Tag ID/Location</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>
V-1 (10-2018)	C. John Hess	Allied Well Drilling	9/18/2018	Cecil County Angela Scramlin	CE-16-0247 Fielder Property, Lot 3	Well yield test terminated before 6 hours Lot with well, no house. Well permit expires 3/9/19.	Letters to be sent to site supervisor and permit holder.
V-2 (10-2018)	Scott Miller	Northern Virginia Drilling	10/2/2018	Howard County Kevin Wolfe	HO-17-0315 10865 Braeburn Road	Unlicensed person installing well screen/liner	Letter of reprimand to be sent to permit holder, site supervisor and helper
v-3 (10-2018)	Jeff Corron	Chesapeake Geosystems	10/10/2018	Prince Georges County Tonde Longe	PG-17-0067 PG-17-0068 PG-17-0070	Well Completion Reports not submitted within 45 days Received 10/3/18 Per County	Letter of reprimand to be sent to licensee
C-1 (10-2018)	Brett Sweeney	Allied Well Drilling	8/29/2018	DLLR Mechanical Boards	CH-17-0073 7901 Keach Road	Contractual Dispute. Well completed 9/13/17, water not potable until 12/27/17. Marshal Arnette MSD106 is licensed.	Letter to be sent to complainant

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Larry Brenneman brought up the topic of online submission of well permit applications and well completion reports. The multi-layer copy paper forms are difficult to complete by hand or typewriter so accuracy is an issue. All states surrounding Maryland have online submission in place – West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia. Discussion of how to make this

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happen ensued and it was determined that discussing the matter with elected officials is in order.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brad Hartman and seconded by Dave Kelly. The motion passed at 11:28 a.m. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.