

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

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**Minutes of Open Meeting  
MDE Serve Conference Room  
Maryland Department of the Environment  
1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230  
April 24, 2019**

## **Board Members Present**

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

## **Staff Present**

Elaine Nolen – Executive Director  
Neil Winner – MDE, Water Supply Program  
Ellen Cohill, Esq. – Board Counsel

## **Board Members Absent**

None

## **Guests**

Michael Barlow  
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## **Call to Order**

With a quorum present, Chairman Hahns Hairson called the meeting to order in the MDE Serve Conference Room at 9:14 AM.

## **Review and Adoption of Proposed Meeting Agenda and Introduction of Guests**

Chairman Hairston presented the agenda for review and approval. Chairman Hairston modified the agenda to include introduction of guests. A motion to approve the meeting agenda as modified was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Brad Hartman. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Chairman Hairston asked everyone present to introduce herself or himself.

## **Review of Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Hairston presented the minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting for review and approval and asked for any modifications. A motion to approve the meeting minutes with no changes was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

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## Board Chair Comments

Chairman Hairston welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his wishes that everyone had an enjoyable Easter. He thanked Vice-Chairman Brenneman for chairing the previous meeting.

## Director's Report

a. Revenues and Expenditures – As of March 31, 2019

Appropriation FY 2018	\$111,179.00
Expenses	\$ 74,852.27
Revenue	\$ 40,700.00

b. Elaine Nolen provided an update on the current renewal process: 308 renewal applications received, 45 licenses printed and 147 licenses ready to print.

c. Legislative update: State Board of Well Drillers – Fee Setting, Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation SB671 and HB1114, which are identical bills requiring the Board to collect fees sufficient to cover direct and indirect fees, have both passed. Ellen Cohill, Board Counsel provided background information.

## New Business

a. Review and discussion of Continuing Education requests:

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Recommended Hours</b>
<b>1</b>	MCET	ATSSA Flagger certification Training	Hughesville, MD	2/14/2019	4.0
<b>2</b>	MCET	OSHA 10 Hour Construction	Hughesville, MD	3/7-14/19	10.0
<b>3</b>	MCET	Excavation Safety – Trenching and Shoring	Hughesville, MD	3/28/2019	7.0
<b>4</b>	MCET	Apprentice Well Driller Exam Prep	Baltimore, MD	5/8/2019	6.0
<b>5</b>	Maryland Rural Water	Maryland Geology and Well Drilling, Design and Maintenance	Ocean City, MD	3/13/2019	7.0
<b>6</b>	MCET	Chlorination Technology	Cumberland, MD	4/11/2019	7.0
<b>7</b>	MCET	Safe Drinking Water Act – Federal Regulations	Elkton, MD	4/9/2019	7.0
<b>8</b>	MCET	Hypochlorite Disinfection	Frederick, MD	3/13/2019	7.0
<b>9</b>	MCET	Arsenic in Drinking Water	Frederick, MD	5/9/2019	7.0

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<b>10</b>	MCET	Water Treatment Chlorine Use and Safety	Salisbury, MD	5/29/2019	7.0
<b>11</b>	NGWA - National Groundwater Association	Groundwater Week	Las Vegas, NV	12/3 - 12/6/2018	Credit given for technical sessions attended, sign-off required
<b>12</b>	EWQA - Eastern Water Quality Association	What is in My Water and Where Did it Come From?	Kalahari Conference Center Pocono Manor, PA	9/20/2018	7.0
<b>13</b>	EWQA - Eastern Water Quality Association	The Basics of Ion Exchange	Kalahari Conference Center Pocono Manor, PA	9/20/2018	1.0
<b>14</b>	EWQA - Eastern Water Quality Association	Chlorine chloramines and other Disinfectants	Kalahari Conference Center Pocono Manor, PA	9/20/2018	1.0
<b>15</b>	EWQA - Eastern Water Quality Association	Advanced Ion Exchange – Ion Selective Resin and More Complex Contaminant Reduction	Kalahari Conference Center Pocono Manor, PA	9/21/2018	1.0
<b>16</b>	EWQA - Eastern Water Quality Association	Proper Sample Collecting & Chain of Custody	Kalahari Conference Center Pocono Manor, PA	9/19/2018	1.0
<b>17</b>	PGWA - Pennsylvania Ground Water Association	Pennsylvania Driller Conference	Grantville, PA	1/24 - 25/2019	Up to 9.5
<b>18</b>	NDA - National Drilling Association	Mid-Atlantic Virginia Spring Training Day	Stafford, VA	4/5/2019	5.0
<b>19</b>	Franklin Electric and DAB Water Technology	Water Pressure Seminar	Cockeysville, MD	3/23/2019	5.0
<b>20</b>	Maryland Rural Water	Membrane Filtration	Frederick, MD	3/6/2019	4.0
<b>21</b>	Battelle	International Symposium on Bioremediation and Sustainable Environmental Technologies	Baltimore, MD	4/15- 18/2019	Credit given for technical sessions attended, sign-off required
<b>22</b>	Eichelbergers	Excavation and Trenching Awareness	Mechanicsburg, PA	4/1- 4/26/2019 7/8-26/2019 10/14- 11/1/2019	3.0

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<b>23</b>	Eichelbergers	Damage Prevention Awareness	Mechanicsburg, PA	4/1-4/26/2019 10/7-25/2019	4.0
<b>24</b>	Eichelbergers	Drilling Safety Awareness	Mechanicsburg, PA	4/1-4/26/2019 7/8-26/2019 9/16-27/2019 11/4-15/2019	3.0
<b>25</b>	Eichelbergers	Excavation and Trenching Competent Person	Mechanicsburg, PA	6/17-7/3/19	6.0
<b>26</b>	Milby/Baroid	Drilling Applications for Water Wells and Related Drilling Industry	Elkridge VFD	4/6/2019	6.0
<b>27</b>	MCET	Concepts of Drinking Water Treatment	Baltimore, MD	5/23/2019	7.0
<b>28</b>	MCET	Introduction to Membrane Filtration and Fluoridation Technologies	Hughesville, MD	3/12/2019	7.0

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

- b. The topic of the Well Rig Operator to Journeyman Well Driller licensing process was discussed. Some attendees stating that the current process is unfavorable to in-state Well Rig Operator licensees as compared to out-of-state Journeyman Well Driller applicants. The origin and rationale for the Well Rig Operator license class was discussed and it was noted that a Well Rig Operator field exam was required in the past. It was generally agreed that more Well Rig Operators would pursue career advancement if they are required to pass only one exam to achieve Journeyman status rather than two exams.

Two potential alternatives discussed are eliminating the five year expiration for the Apprentice Well Driller license class or allowing Well Rig Operators to take a Journeyman Well Driller exam. Ellen Cohill will look into the legal aspects of allowing Well Rig Operators to take Journeyman exams and report back to the Board.

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## **Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry**

The topic of differences in how different counties issue permits and interpret regulations was discussed. Some counties mail permits, some require licensees to pick up permits at county offices. Some counties charge fees in addition to the permit fee. Licensee experience is not always acknowledged by county representatives in technical matters such as determining pump depth. Licensees do not always agree with county inspector interpretation of regulations.

Chairman Hairston explained that the Board was set up to follow licensing regulations, not construction regulations. MDE's Wells and Septic program was set up to enforce the well construction regulations.

MD Rural Water Association offers courses of benefit to Board licensees. Elaine Nolen will contact the organization for available courses to add to upcoming continuing education course reviews.

## **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave Kelly. The motion passed at 10:55 am. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.