

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

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**Minutes of Open Meeting  
Terra Room  
Maryland Department of the Environment  
1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230  
April 25, 2018**

**Board Members Present**

Hahns Hairston – Chairman  
Larry Brenneman – Vice-Chairman  
Wayne Caswell  
Jack Shannahan  
Robert Peoples – MDE  
Heather Quinn – DNR

**Staff Present**

Elaine Nolen – Executive Director  
Neil Winner – MDE, Water Supply  
John Boris – MDE, On-site Systems Division  
Ellen Cohill, Esq. – Board Counsel

**Guests Present**

None

**Board Members Absent**

Brad Hartman

**Call to Order**

With a quorum present, Vice-Chairman Larry Brenneman, acting for Chairman Hahns Hairston, called the meeting to order in the Terra Conference Room at 9:18 AM.

**Review and Adoption of Proposed Meeting Agenda**

Vice-Chairman Brenneman presented the agenda for review and approval and asked for any modifications. A motion to approve the proposed meeting agenda was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples. Board members who voted in favor of the motion include: Vice-Chairman Larry Brenneman, Wayne Caswell, Jack Shannahan, Robert Peoples, and Heather Quinn. The motion was approved.

**Review of Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chairman Brenneman presented the minutes of the February 28, 2018 meeting for review and approval and asked for any corrections. A motion to approve the meeting minutes with one correction was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples. Board members who voted in favor of the motion include: Vice-Chairman Larry Brenneman, Wayne Caswell, Jack Shannahan, Robert Peoples, and Heather Quinn. The motion was approved.

**Board Chair Comments**

Vice-Chairman Brenneman welcomed everyone to the meeting

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## Director's Report

a. Revenues and Expenditures – As of March 31, 2018

Appropriation FY 2018	\$112,240.00
Expenses	\$ 74,402.63
Revenue	\$ 16,825.00

b. Invitation for Board members to attend EWQA 5/17/18 event.

c. Licensing process outline for Apprentice Well Driller Prep Course – this outline was used by Elaine Nolen for the April 18, 2018 course. The document will be posted online.

d. Update on the Board homepage – Elaine Nolen has been working with MDE Water Supply Program staff to display information in a more easily accessible manner for both licensees and also people interested in licensing. Exam study guides are now posted online and Board history text has been moved from the home page to linked sub-page.

## Ongoing Business

a. Elaine Nolen provided an update on last month's violations and complaints:

a. MO-16-0265: Allen Compton violation is in progress; more information is needed.

b. CA-17-0253 and CA-17-0352: Marshall Arnette violations; Elaine Nolen will send a reprimand letter.

## New Business

a. April 4, 2018 exam results:

# pass	10
# fail	1
% pass	91%
% fail	9%
Average Grade	79%

A motion to approve everyone who passed with a grade of 70 and above was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Wayne Caswell. Board members who voted in favor of the motion include: Vice-Chairman Larry Brenneman, Wayne Caswell, Jack Shannahan, Robert Peoples, and Heather Quinn. The motion was approved

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b. Review and discussion of Continuing Education requests:

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name of Course/Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Approved Hours</b>
<b>1</b>	NDA – Mid Atlantic Chapter	Annual Spring Training Day	Baltimore, MD	5/4/18	6.5
<b>2</b>	PGWA – Pennsylvania Ground Water Association	2018 Winter Conference	Grantsville, PA	1/25/2018 1/26/2018	4.0 5.0
<b>3</b>	WV Water Well Drillers Association	2018 Conference & Trade Show	Sutton, WV	4/10/2018 4/11/2018	2.0 5.0
<b>4</b>	VWWA – Virginia Water Well Association	2018 Winter Conference & Trade Show Water for the Future	Fredericksburg, VA	2/14-15/2018	Credit given for non-VA specific courses with sign-off (all except those marked with an X on Course Descriptions Sheet)
<b>5</b>	Milby/Baroid	Drilling Fluids Workshop	Elkridge	5/5/18	8.0

A motion to approve the courses/events for the hours indicated on the chart above was made by Jack Shannahan and seconded by Robert Peoples. Board members who voted in favor of the motion include: Vice-Chairman Larry Brenneman, Wayne Caswell, Jack Shannahan, Robert Peoples, and Heather Quinn. The motion was approved

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c. Violations/Complaints:

<b>Violation Number</b>	<b>Name &amp; License Number</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Originator</b>	<b>Location/ Well Tag ID</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>V-1 (04-2018)</b>	George Easterday MWD040	L Franklin Easterday	3/19/2018	Howard County Sarah Collins	HO-17-0221 1134 Long Corner Road Mt. Airy	Failure to submit an abandonment report for a sealed well. WCR required within 5 days of receipt of NOV. Letter from Mr. Easterday to John Boris dated 3/22/18	Resolved
<b>v-2 (04-2018)</b>	Michael Boosalis Property owner		3/21/2018	Howard County Sarah Collins	12090 Hall Shop Road Clarksville	Failure to seal an abandoned well. Owner of property covered a 6' concrete block pit. Contained water. County not notified in advance. Later licensed driller abandoned properly.	Resolved
<b>v-3 (04-2018)</b>	George Easterday MWD040	L Franklin Easterday	3/26/2018	Frederick County Barry Glotfelty Karen Amoss	FR-13-0375 12767 Liberty Road	Failure to notify prior to drilling activities Letter from Mr. Easterday to Barry Glotfelty dated 3/29/18	Resolved

- d. Discussion of the Anne Arundel County Plumbing Permit Application. Elaine Nolen brought to the Board's attention the fact that currently the only way to apply for water conditioner permits is the county plumbing application, which limits permits to master plumbers. Board licensed water conditioner installers requesting a county permit have no manner in which to do so. Elaine Nolen will send the Director of the Department of Inspections and Permits a letter informing him that Board regulations allow water conditioner installers to practice in Anne Arundel County.

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## Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Discussion of the observation that there are companies that advertise services online for which their Board licensed employees are not authorized under their licenses.

## Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion to move into closed session pursuant to the General Provisions Article, § 3-305(b)(1), to discuss the candidates for the Maryland State Board of Well Drillers, was made by Wayne Caswell and seconded by Jack Shannahan. Board members who voted in favor of the motion include: Vice-Chairman Larry Brenneman, Wayne Caswell, Jack Shannahan, Robert Peoples, and Heather Quinn. The motion was approved.

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### ***SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION - APRIL 25, 2018***

Board members present during the closed session: Vice-Chairman Larry Brenneman, Wayne Caswell, Jack Shannahan, Robert Peoples, and Heather Quinn. Chairman Hahns Hairston was present after the closed session was called to order.

On April 25, 2018, with a quorum present, Vice-Chairman Larry Brenneman called the meeting of the closed session to order at 11:05 a.m. The closed meeting was held in the Terra Conference Room located at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230. During the closed meeting, the Board discussed the qualifications of the candidates for the Maryland State Board of Well Drillers. A motion to conclude the closed session and return to open session was made by Heather Quinn, seconded by Wayne Caswell. All were in favor. Motion passed at 11:40 a.m.

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## RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – APRIL 25, 2018

### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the open meeting was made by Wayne Caswell and seconded by Heather Quinn. The motion passed at 11:42 a.m. Board members who voted in favor of the motion include: Vice-Chairman Larry Brenneman, Wayne Caswell, Jack Shannahan, Robert Peoples, and Heather Quinn. The motion was approved