

## **Delaware Board of Well Drillers Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2016**

Alan Pongratz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on January 12, 2016 in the DNREC Lab Conference room.

Members in attendance: John McFarland, Ira Brittingham, Alan Pongratz, Mike Daisey and Steve McCreary.

A motion was made by Steve McCreary to accept the December 8, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ira Brittingham and carried with no opposition.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **MD/DE Water Well Convention:** Discussion was held as to whether or not the February meeting should be held at the convention this year. It should be held on 2/11 around 9-:30 after the Board introduction and perhaps meet with the Maryland Board as well. At this time it is not certain who from DNREC will be attending. John McFarland made a motion to hold the February meeting on 2/9/16 at the DNREC building as scheduled. The motion was seconded by Ira Brittingham and passed with no opposition.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **2016 WWLB Fall Seminar:** Mike Daisey made a motion to hold the Seminar at the Modern Maturity Center on Friday, December 2, 2016 with an option to rotate the facilities with Del Tech Owens Campus. It was seconded by John McFarland and carried with no opposition. Discussion was held to determine if the current credit hours should be increased to accommodate the Maryland licensees. Some topics to consider for the Seminar included: “Draught”, Alan Pongratz noted that the News Journal had an article of interest. Ira Brittingham suggested using some of Del Tech’s speakers. John McFarland will contact Tom Christianson, Nebraska Grout Study, and suggested Jim Hartman, the regional electrical representative. Another topic of interest was the rise in Sea Level and/or the Nanticoke River – salt water intrusion. Steve McCreary recommended Kelvin Ramsey with DGS’ outreach program for Coastal Storm water flooding and DEMA emergency plan for the state.
- **Max Walton’s Retirement:** It was decided that Max should be presented two certificates of appreciation; one from the Board and one from DNREC. The Board would still like to make the presentation in person, Alan will call Max and

try and set up an early morning meeting. John McFarland made a motion to purchase a stainless steel open pocket watch for Max. It was seconded by Ira Brittingham and carried with no opposition. Jackie Young will look into availability and purchase the watch before the February meeting.

- **Board Vacancy:** The deadline for applications is January 30, 2016. One application from Eric Sackett has been received so far. Alan is going to check with Roy Heinman, DNREC paralegal, to see if one candidate is enough to submit to David Small, DNREC Secretary. The Board hopes to have the position filled by April.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Well Regulations:** A Public Meeting date has been scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:00 in the DNREC auditorium. Alan Pongratz reported that Chapter 9 requiring mandatory water testing has been taken out of the proposed regulations. A mass mailer was sent to the Drilling Community advising them of the meeting.
- **Violation Updates:** Jason Kuni from Enviroprobe and Glen Lansing from Parratt Wolff both failed to obtain authorization numbers for their approved permit applications. They have been invited to attend the February Board meeting to plead their case should they choose to.
- Ira Brittingham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Alan Pongratz and carried with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jackie S. Young, Licensing Coordinator

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Alan Pongratz, Acting Chairman

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