

Delaware Board of Well Drillers Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2016

Alan Pongratz called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on April 12, 2016 in the DNREC Lab Conference room.

Members in attendance: John McFarland, Alan Pongratz, Mike Daisey, Steve McCreary and Eric Sackett. Lori Foraker and John Barndt were also present. Ira Brittingham was not able to attend.

A motion was made by Steve McCreary to accept the February 9, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Daisey and carried with no opposition.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Alan Pongratz welcomed Eric Sackett, the newest Licensing Board member and announced that Jackie Young would be retiring effective June 1, 2016. Lori Foraker was also introduced to all the Board members and will be filling in for Jackie when she leaves.

- **Proposed Permit Fee Increase Package:** John Barndt, Program Manager II for Water Supply, presented the proposed fee increases. DNREC and Secretary Small have been given permission by the Governor to present their fee increase packages to the Legislature. John Barndt welcomed comments from the Board members. The Fee increases would fund additional staff for Bill Cocke and allow two of Alan's staff to come off of Grant Funding. The Board members expressed concerns about fees being too much or not enough to carry the Department forward and perhaps the use of credit cards. Mike Daisey made a motion to draft a letter to Secretary Small supporting the fees, but not putting a dollar amount leaving that to the discretion of DNREC. The motion was seconded by Eric Sackett and carried. Alan Pongratz abstained from voting. Eric Sackett volunteered to draft the letter and submit it to Alan for approval and signed by all the Licensing Board members at the next meeting.

- **The Board reviewed and discussed the following applications for new license with recommendations as follows:**
 - ✚ Charles Lehnert, Geotechnical, E2CR. Steve McCreary made a motion to approve him to take the test. The motion was seconded by John McFarland and carried with no opposition.

✚ Michael Vogel, Geotechnical, E2CR. Mike Daisey made a motion to approve him to take the test. The motion was seconded by Alan Pongratz and carried with no opposition.

- **Training Approval:** Eric Sackett made a motion to approve GRUNDFOS TRAINING for 4 credit hours. The motion was seconded by Mike Daisey and carried with no opposition.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **2016 WWLB Fall Seminar:** John McFarland is checking on final availability of speakers for the seminar. Mike Daisey talked to Jim Hartman for the electrical display. Alan will send out the approved agenda to the Maryland Well Board by August 1, 2016. Mike Daisey cautioned Alan that the Maryland Well Board may require short biographies of each speaker.
- **Max Walton's Retirement:** John McFarland reported that Max's health is not the best. A commemorative desk clock has been ordered and the Board would like to present it to him as soon as possible. All Board members past and present and DNREC staff are encouraged to attend the presentation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Well Regulations:** When the Proposed Well Regulations were published online the Registrar's office left off a subsection and must be re-posted. Once the regulations have been finalized the driller tests will be reviewed to see if they should be updated to reflect the new changes.
- **Violation Updates:** Alan Pongratz reported that there were no new updates. His staff is still looking into "Emergency Well" abusers. Mike Daisey reported that the statute of limitations has run out on a well violation he was looking into.
- John McFarland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Eric Sackett and carried with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie S. Young, Licensing Coordinator

Date

Alan Pongratz, Acting Chairman

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