

Delaware Board of Well Drillers Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2016

Alan Pongratz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on May 10, 2016 in the DNREC Lab Conference room.

Members in attendance: Ira Brittingham, John McFarland, Alan Pongratz, Mike Daisey, Steve McCreary and Eric Sackett. Lori Foraker also attended the meeting. A motion was made by Eric Sackett to accept the April 12, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Daisey and carried with no opposition. Jackie Young made a correction to the May Agenda changing the next test date to read May 19, 2016.

As this was Jackie Young's last Board Meeting before she retires, Alan Pongratz and the Board members thanked her for her service to the Licensing Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **The Board reviewed and discussed the following application for new license with recommendations as follows:**
 -  William B. Bradfield, Geotech, Parrott-Wolff, Inc. Steve McCreary made a motion to approve him to take the test. The motion was seconded by Eric Sackett and carried with no opposition.
- **Training Approval:** Alan Pongratz made a motion to approve the SPRING TRAINING offered by the Mid Atlantic National Drilling Association for 4 credit hours. The motion was seconded by Steve McCreary and carried with no opposition. Steve and Alan both expressed an interest in attending this seminar.
- **Agriculture Well at Del Tech Owens Campus.** The Georgetown Campus has received funds to drill another Agriculture well for their green house. Alan Pongratz is working on reclassifying the existing well as an Observation well for educational purposes. Alan is working with Ira Brittingham to obtain the final signatures and approvals from Bill West, Mayor of Georgetown.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Test Questions:** Eric Sackett asked that the Board review the test questions to make sure they comply with the new regulations when they are approved. He and John McFarland would like to see more field questions included as well. Alan said that he and John Barndt would also review the test questions.
- **2016 WWLB Fall Seminar:** John McFarland is waiting for the final commitments from the key speakers. He hopes to have the draft agenda for the next Board meeting. Alan will check with Mr. Santorini from Del Tech and Mike Daisey will contact Jim Adkins, Dept. Of Agriculture, about a Drip Irrigation presentation.
- **Max Walton's Retirement:** John McFarland presented the desk clock to Max Walton on Friday, April 22, 2016 at his home. Every Friday Max hosts a "Social" at his home and after talking to family and friends, John felt it was an opportune time for the presentation. Past Board members John Talley and Bob Munyan attended as well as John McFarland along with his sons, Chris and John, and Jackie Young and Rick Rios. Alan Pongratz reported that the Certificate of Appreciation from DNREC has been signed and is waiting to be framed before it can be presented to Max as well.
- **Permit Fee Increase Support Letter:** The letter composed by Eric Sackett and Alan Pongratz was presented to the Board. Each member signed the document. It will be included in the Permit Fee Increase package that will be presented to Legislature Hall. Alan will inform the Board members when the sponsor and reference number is assigned.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Well Regulations:** The Proposed Well Regulations will be available for final comments on May 31, 2016. Once they are approved there will be a 60 day grace period reflecting their adopted date and effective date. It was suggested that Alan give a presentation on the changes at the Fall Seminar.
- **Violation Updates:** Alan Pongratz reported that Geo Benner Services was issued a Manager's Warning for failing to obtain call in authorizations for their permits. Mike Daisey asked Alan Pongratz to look into documentation of abandoned coastal wells in South Bethany. Mike reported that not all wells were properly abandoned or abandoned at all when central water was made available.
- Steve McCreary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Eric Sackett and carried with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie S. Young, Licensing Coordinator

Date

Alan Pongratz, Acting Chairman

Date