

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINING
WATER WELL DRILLING CONTRACTORS AND
WATER WELL PUMP INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS

April 9, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Teleconference Call

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS:

Jerry Hunt, Chairman

John Midkiff

Wes Moody

Michelle Christopher

Lily Barkau

Aaron Wilson

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Lisa Lindemann

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Danielle Dover

PARTICIPATING PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

Sean Towles, Assistant Attorney General

Darren Cook, Attorney General

Kristin Baker, Chief Fiscal Officer State Engineer's Office

Jimmy Gordon, Executive Director, WWCB

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hunt called the State Board of Examining Water Well Drilling Contractors and Water Well Pump Installation Contractors (WWCB) meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

REVIEW & APPROVE AGENDA

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting agenda as circulated. John Midkiff made a motion to approve the agenda. Wes Moody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:

The Boards reviewed and approved both the January 12, 2021 meeting minutes as circulated. Michelle Christopher made a motion to approve the minutes. John Midkiff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None to discuss at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Member Term's

Director Gordon informed the Board that three Board terms were set to expire on March 31, 2021. He reported that all three members elected to renew their terms for another four years. Those members were; John Midkiff, Michelle Christopher and Lisa Lindemann. He expressed his gratitude to them for their continued investment of time to serve the Board. Chairman Hunt also thanked each member for their service to the Board, and expressed his pleasure in having continued continuity on the Board.

State Engineer's Office Fiscal Manager Update

Director Gordon informed the Board of the retirement of the former Fiscal Manager Cricket Hoskins, and the appointment of Kristin Baker as the new Fiscal Manager. Ms. Baker introduced herself to the Board, and expressed her anticipation in working with the Board in the future. Chairman Hunt welcomed Ms. Baker and thanked her for joining the meeting.

Ratification of New Licenses

John Midkiff made a motion to approve the Ratification of Kevin Dover's license # 04PI 139. Wes Moody seconded the motion. Motion carried

John Midkiff made a motion to approve the Ratification of Joseph Hintz's license # 02WDPI141. Wes Moody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Director Update

Director Gordon provided the Board with an update of his office since the January 12th meeting. He had given 6 new license exams to 2 applicants. All of which were given in his office in Powell. He had issued 2 new licenses, 1 Pump Installers, and 1 Well Driller & Pump Installer (dual license). Both new license holders are Wyoming residents. He also updated the Board that there continues to be one open complaint in the investigation phase. An Investigative Board Member has been assigned and has yet to report their findings to the executive director, but he expects the report very soon. He then reported that the Board Order that was handed down to Brandon Drieling including a 2 year suspension, was set to expire on June 3rd 2021. Director Gordon informed the Board of his continued communication with Mr. Drieling, and assumed he would submit his application for a new license once the suspension had concluded. The order details that on or after the June 3rd date, Mr. Drieling could re-apply for either a WD or PI license or both. He would be required to pass all license exams, as any other new applicant would. Sean Towles informed the Board that once Mr. Drieling successfully passed the required exams the Board would then have to ratify the license. At that time, if any Board member wished to discuss his application that would be the appropriate time to do so.

Miscellaneous

Sean Towles introduced Darren Cook of the Attorney General's office as his replacement as the Board's legal counsel. Darren addressed the Board and expressed his anticipation in working with and representing the Board moving forward.

Director Gordon informed the Board of the very low number of complaints he has received over the last year. Given the increased number of wells being constructed he acknowledged the high level of work being performed by the licensed contractors in the state.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place September 1st, at 10:00am, at the State Engineer's Office in Cheyenne WY, as set by Board statute.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Hunt adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.