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**STATE OF NEVADA WELL DRILLERS' ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
4-2016 STATEWIDE WELL DRILLER'S EXAMINATION**

November 15, 2016

(Minutes are available on the Board's website
<http://water.nv.gov/WellDrillersAdvisoryBoard.aspx>.)

Board Members

Present: Steve Hamrick and Steven Loughry.

Nevada Division of
Water Resources

Members Present: Tim Wilson, P.E., Shannon McDaniel, E.I.T., Tracy Geter, E.I.T.

Call to Order: 8:03 am

Approval of Board
Meeting Minutes:

Board meeting minutes 2-2016 from the meeting dated May 24, 2016 and 3-2016 from the meetings dated August 23, 2016 and August 24, 2016 and were reviewed by the Board. Steve Hamrick motioned the Board conduct a vote to approve said minutes. Steven Loughry seconded. Motion carries. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Action

Board Business:

Tim Wilson informed the Board that the Division of Water Resources is considering adding a sixth Board member to assist when other Board members cannot. Tim explained that the Division is considering sending a questionnaire to the drillers asking if any are interested. Tim told the board that going forward the well drillers' licenses will be redesigned and shrunk to credit card size and will include lot size.

Tim informed the Board that he met with Barrett Evans, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Public and Behavioral Health, Consumer Health Protection, who is in charge of the septic permitting, concerning the NACs with regards to the spacing requirements of septic tanks and wells. Tim said that the spacing requirements are not spelled out in the Well Drilling Regulations, but that the Division of Water Resources will work with Mr. Evans to notify him of wells that are requesting to be drilled on small parcels.

Tim discussed with the Board lithium mining in Clayton Valley. Tim said that going forward there could be some changes to the regulations and/or statutes governing lithium mining. Currently there are no regulations governing dissolved minerals. Tim explained that permits or waivers are needed to drill the lithium wells from the Division of Water Resources.

Tim notified the board of the current disciplinary actions taken against well drillers. One such driller accumulated 200 demerit points and let his license expire. Joe Boggio Jr. did not complete the provisions set forth in the hearing against him subsequently letting his license expire. A third driller lost his contractors license and is currently unable to drill unless he drills under a licensed contractor. There have been demerits issued for drilling without an approved NOI.

The Board expressed concerns with how long it has been taking to get NOI approvals. Tim explained that the Well Drilling Section has been short handed but has recently hired a new person.

The Board discussed the public comment made by Neal Jones during the Well Drillers' Advisory Board Meeting 3-2016 dated August 23, 2016. The Board discussed the public comment with Mr. Jones and Tim Wilson and concluded that the function of the Well Drillers' Advisory Board is to interview well driller applicants to make sure they are qualified to get a license, and once they get a license, make sure they are following the regulations but not to discipline a well driller. The Board can give a recommendation to the State Engineer following a hearing in which the State Engineer has asked the Board to participate in an advisory capacity, but only the State Engineer and the Division of Water Resources have the authority to discipline a well driller. (For the complete record of this discussion, the recording of the meeting can be requested. Mr. Jones' comments can also be viewed as an attachment.)

Action

Public Comment:

Pursuant to NRS § 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. All public comments will be limited to 5 minutes for each person. There were no public comments at this time.

Oral Test of applicants for Well Driller's License by Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board, NRS 534.140 and 534.150.

9:00 a.m. – 9:38 a.m.

Action

Steve Hamrick motioned to the Board to close the meeting to conduct oral interviews. Steven Loughry seconded. Motion carries.

Applicant Jake Merrill interviewed before the Board.

Steve Hamrick motioned to the Board to open the meeting to give the Board's recommendation. Steven Loughry seconded. Motion carries.

Action

Recommendation:

The Board unanimously recommends to the State Engineer approval of Mr. Merrill's Nevada Water Well Driller license.

9:40 a.m. – 10:26 a.m. Steve Hamrick motioned to the Board to close the meeting to conduct oral interviews. Steven Loughry seconded. Motion carries.
Action **Applicant Trevor Parsons** interviewed before the Board.
Steve Hamrick motioned to the Board to open the meeting to give the Board's recommendation. Steven Loughry seconded. Motion carries.
Action
Recommendation: The Board unanimously recommends to the State Engineer approval of Mr. Parsons' Nevada Water Well Driller license.

10:33 a.m. – 10:51 a.m. Steve Hamrick motioned to the Board to close the meeting to conduct oral interviews. Steven Loughry seconded. Motion carries.
Action **Applicant Matt McCoy** interviewed before the Board.
Steve Hamrick motioned to the Board to open the meeting to give the Board's recommendation. Steven Loughry seconded. Motion carries.
Action
Recommendation: The Board unanimously recommends to the State Engineer Mr. McCoy retest before the Board for his Nevada Water Well Driller license.

10:55 a.m. – 11:43 a.m. Steve Hamrick motioned to the Board to close the meeting to conduct oral interviews. Steven Loughry seconded. Motion carries.
Action **Applicant Patrick Harris** interviewed before the Board.
Steve Hamrick motioned to the Board to open the meeting to give the Board's recommendation. Steven Loughry seconded. Motion carries.
Action
Recommendation: The Board unanimously recommends to the State Engineer approval of Mr. Harris' Nevada Water Well Driller license.

Public Comment: Pursuant to NRS § 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. All public comments will be limited to 5 minutes for each person. There were no public comments at this time.

Adjourn: There being no further business for the Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board meeting 4-2016, held in Carson City, Nevada was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Recordings of this meeting are part of the Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board files in the State Engineer's Office and are available upon written request.