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**STATE OF NEVADA WELL DRILLERS' ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**4-2023 STATEWIDE WELL DRILLER'S EXAMINATION**

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Final

Board Members

Present: Dan Kohlman, Tobias Trujillo, and Paul Forbes

Nevada Division of  
Water Resources

Members Present: Chad Walling, Ken Haffey, and Manny Fernandez

Call to Order:

**Manny Fernandez:** We shall now call to order the quarterly meeting of the Nevada Well Drillers Advisory Board in Carson City, Nevada. Today's date is November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The time is 8:12 AM. Representing the Nevada Well Driller's Board is Dan Kohlman, Tobias Trujillo and Paul Forbes. Representing the Nevada Division of Water Resources is myself, Manny Fernandez, Chad Walling, and Ken Haffey. To comply with Open Meeting Law, notices of this meeting were posted in this building, and at the required locations throughout Nevada. At this time, we would like to open the floor for any public comment.

Hearing none, we will proceed with the approval of the Well Driller's Advisory Board minutes.

Approval of Board  
Meeting Minutes:

**Manny Fernandez:** Copies of minutes of the Well Driller's Advisory Board meeting, dated August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, have been distributed for your review. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes?

Hearing none, is there a motion for the board to approve the minutes, to stand approved as read?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to approve the minutes as read.

Tobias Trujillo: And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** Okay. All in favor say aye?

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. Just wanted to make a little note here, please be advised that the meeting will be reagendaized due to the board assembling for two days. Okay, thank you gentlemen.

We will now move on to the business of the board.

**Action**

Board Business and  
Discussion:

**Manny Fernandez:** First, we will hear from Chad with any new business. Chad?

**Chad Walling:** I'll keep it short. I've got three things: First, I want to welcome Paul to the Board. Nice to have you here. I also want to make sure that everyone knows that Manny is up in Carson City now. Replaced the position that Trevor vacated, so he's running the licensing show for us. Which we're pretty happy about. The other big news, so at the beginning of this week, our codified regulations. So, they're on the website now. That were adopted in 2020, we just got them on the website. Speed state. That's all I got.

**Manny Fernandez:** Thank you, Chad. Hearing no further business at this time, we will now proceed with the oral exams. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241030, to conduct the oral exams?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries.

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

8:17 a.m. – 8:56 a.m.

**\* Meeting closed to conduct Brandon Rouse's oral examination. \***

### **Action**

Recommendation:

**Manny Fernandez:** Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to open the meeting.

**Paul Forbes:** And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. The Board will announce their recommendation, gentlemen?

**Tobias Trujillo:** I say yes.

**Dan Kohlman:** I recommend approval.

**Paul Forbes:** I recommend approval.

**Brandon Rouse:** Thank you, guys.

**Manny Fernandez:** The board recommends to the State Engineer, Brandon Rouse, for his Water Well License. The time is 8:59 a.m.

**Chad Walling:** Do we want to- Well, you applied for a limited license, correct? So its limited to sonic and monitor wells? Is it sonic rig too? Is that what you applied for?

**Brandon Rouse:** I believe it was-

**Chad Walling:** Just monitor wells?

**Brandon Rouse:** Yeah.

**Chad Walling:** Okay.

**Dan Kohlman:** So that's a standard. Really that's a standard license. A monitor well license, right?

**Chad Walling:** It is. Just wanted to be clear. The recommendation is for approval of exactly what you applied for. I just wanted to make sure that its clear for all.

**Manny Fernandez:** Okay, is there a motion to close the meeting pursuant to NRS 241 section 30, to conduct the next oral exam?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I'll second.

**Manny Fernandez:** Okay. All in favor say aye?

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries.

9:36 a.m. – 10:03 a.m.

\* Meeting closed to conduct Beau Coursey's oral examination. \*

### **Action**

Recommendation:

**Manny Fernandez:** Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to open the meeting.

**Tobias Fernandez:** And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Gentlemen?

**Tobias Trujillo:** I say yes.

**Dan Kohlman:** I recommend approval of the Water Well License.

**Paul Forbes:** I approve.

**Manny Fernandez:** The board recommends to the State Engineer, Beau Coursey, for his Water Well License. The time is 10:04 a.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241 section 30, to conduct the next oral exam?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I'll second.

**Manny Fernandez:** Okay. All in favor say aye?

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries.

10:05 a.m – 10:59 a.m

\*Meeting closed to conduct Christopher Foster's oral examination.\*

### **Action**

Recommendation:

**Manny Fernandez:** Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to open the meeting.

**Tobias Fernandez:** And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Gentlemen?

**Tobias Trujillo:** At this time I will have to say no.

**Dan Kohlman:** I am going to recommend a retest.

**Paul Forbes:** I am also going to recommend a retest.

**Manny Fernandez:** The board recommends to the State Engineer, Christopher Foster, retake the oral exam for his Water Well License. The time is 11:00 a.m. Is there a motion to close the meeting pursuant to NRS 241 section 30, to conduct the next oral exam?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I'll second.

**Manny Fernandez:** Okay. All in favor say aye?

\*Unanimous Ayes \*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries.

11:01 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

\* Meeting closed to conduct Jack Ozmun's oral examination. \*

### **Action**

Recommendation:

**Manny Fernandez:** Is there a motion from the Board to open up the meeting?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to open the meeting.

Tobias Trujillo: And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Ayes\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Gentlemen?

**Tobias Trujillo:** I say yes.

**Dan Kohlman:** I recommend approval of the Water Well License.

**Paul Forbes:** I recommend approval.

**Manny Fernandez:** The Board recommends to the State Engineer, Jack Ozmun, for his Water Well License. The time is 1:22 p.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241 section 30, to conduct the next oral exam?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to close the meeting

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I'll second.

**Manny Fernandez:** Okay. All in favor say aye?

\*Unanimous Ayes\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries.

1:22 p.m. – 2:17 p.m.

\*Meeting closed to conduct Robert Schumm's oral examination.\*

### **Action**

Recommendation:

**Manny Fernandez:** Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to open the meeting.

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor say aye?

\*Unanimous Ayes\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Gentlemen?

**Tobias Trujillo:** I approve Robert for his Drillers License.

**Paul Forbes:** I approve his Water Well License as well.

**Dan Kohlman:** I also approve his Water Well License.

**Manny Fernandez:** The Board recommends to the State Engineer, Robert Schumm, for his Water Well License. The time is 2:23 p.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241 section 30, to conduct the next oral exam?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I'll second.

**Manny Fernandez:** Okay. All in favor say aye?

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries.

2:23 p.m. – 3:53 p.m.

\*Meeting closed to conduct Jordan Shaw's oral examination.\*

Action

Recommendation:

**Manny Fernandez:** is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

Dan Kohlman: I move to open the meeting.

Tobias Trujillo: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Ayes\*

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Gentlemen?

Tobias Trujillo: I would have to say yes. I think the young man is going to learn a lot in the future, so my answer is yes.

Dan Kohlman: I recommend approval for a full Water Well License.

Paul Forbes: And I recommend approval for a full Water Well License.

Manny Fernandez: The Board recommends to the State Engineer, Jordan Shaw, for his Water Well License. The time is 3:54 p.m.

Public Comment:

**Manny Fernandez:** At this time we would like to close with a period for public comment. \*noise break\*

Hearing none, we will now conclude this session of the Nevada Well Driller's Advisory Board meeting held on this day, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Carson City Nevada.

Adjourn:

**Manny Fernandez:** Is there a motion from the Board to adjourn the meeting?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to adjourn the meeting.

**Tobias Fernandez:** And I second it.

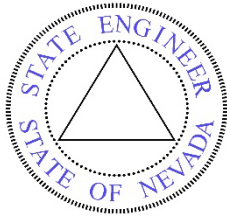
**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. Meeting adjourned. The time is 3:55 p.m.

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**4-2023 STATEWIDE WELL DRILLERS' EXAMINATION**  
**November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**FINAL**

Board Members

Present: Dan Kohlman, Tobias Trujillo, and Paul Forbes

Nevada Division of  
Water Resources  
Members Present:

Chad Walling, Ken Haffey, and Manny Fernandez

Call to Order:

**Manny Fernandez:** We shall now call to order the quarterly meeting of the Nevada Well Driller's Advisory Board in Carson City, Nevada. Today's date is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The time is 8:09 AM. Representing the Nevada Well Driller's Board is Dan Kohlman, Tobias Trujillo and Paul Forbes. Representing the Nevada Division of Water Resources is myself, Manny Fernandez, Chad Walling, and Ken Haffey. To comply with Open Meeting Law, notices of this meeting were posted in this building, and at the required locations throughout Nevada.

Public Comment:

**Manny Fernandez:** At this time, we would like to open the floor for any public comment.  
Hearing none, we will now proceed-  
**Chad Walling:** We still have Business of the Board on there. Oh yeah. We can skip the minutes.  
**Manny Fernandez:** Okay, thank you gentlemen. We will now move on to the business of the board.

**Action**

Board Business and  
Discussion:

**Manny Fernandez:** First, we will hear from Chad with any new business. Chad?  
**Chad Walling:** Since yesterday not a whole lot has happened. Just like I said, I may of accidentally double booked us with this room so we may have to- depending on what time we get to the last guy, we might have to move. My fault. That's all I got.  
**Manny Fernandez:** Thank you, Chad. Hearing no further business at this time, we will now proceed with the oral exams. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241030, to conduct the oral exams?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries.

8:14 a.m. – 9:02 a.m.

**\*Meeting closed to conduct Nickolas Wilson’s oral examination.\***

**Action**

Recommendation:

**Manny Fernandez:** Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to open the meeting.

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. The Board will announce their recommendation, gentlemen?

**Tobias Trujillo:** I approve his license.

**Dan Kohlman:** I approve Nick for a water well license.

**Paul Forbes:** I recommend approval also.

**Manny Fernandez:** The board recommends to the State Engineer, Nickolas Wilson, for his Water Well License. The time is 9:00 a.m. Is there a motion to close the meeting pursuant to NRS 241 section 30, to conduct the next oral exam?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I’ll second.

**Manny Fernandez:** Okay. All in favor say aye?

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries.

9:02 a.m. – 10:43 a.m.

**\*Meeting closed to conduct Marvin Pepper’s oral examination.\***

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

**Action**

Recommendation:

**Manny Fernandez:** Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to open the meeting.

**Tobias Fernandez:** And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Gentlemen?

**Tobias Trujillo:** I recommend approval.

**Dan Kohlman:** I recommend approval of the Water Well License.

**Paul Forbes:** I also recommend approval.



**Manny Fernandez:** The board recommends to the State Engineer, Marvin Pepper, for his Water Well License. The time is 10:45 a.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241 section 30, to conduct the next oral exam?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

**Tobias Trujillo:** And I'll second.

**Manny Fernandez:** Okay. All in favor say aye?

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries.

10:45 a.m – 11:21 a.m      **\*Meeting closed to conduct Angel Estrada's oral examination.\***

### **Action**

Recommendation:      **Manny Fernandez:** Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to open the meeting.

**Tobias Fernandez:** And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Gentlemen?

**Tobias Trujillo:** I approve Angel's license.

**Dan Kohlman:** I recommend approval for the Water Well License.

**Paul Forbes:** I recommend approval also for his Water Well License.

**Manny Fernandez:** The board recommends to the State Engineer, Angel Estrada, for his Water Well License. The time is 11:22 am.

Public Comment:      **Manny Fernandez:** At this time we would like to close with a period for public comment. \*noise break\*

Hearing none, we will now conclude this session of the Nevada Well Driller's Advisory Board meeting held on this day, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Carson City Nevada.

Adjourn:      **Manny Fernandez:** Is there a motion from the Board to adjourn the meeting?

**Dan Kohlman:** I move to adjourn the meeting.

**Tobias Fernandez:** And I second it.

**Manny Fernandez:** All in favor, say aye.

\*Unanimous Aye\*

**Manny Fernandez:** The motion carries. Meeting adjourned. The time is 11:22 a.m.

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