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STATE OF NEVADA WELL DRILLERS' ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
STATEWIDE WELL DRILLER'S EXAMINATION
February 11th, 2025
FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

Board Members

Present: Steve Hamrick, and Paul Forbes

Nevada Division of
Water Resources
Members Present:

Chad Walling, Manny Fernandez, and Gary Blake

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 February 11th, 2025. The time is 8:20 AM. Representing the Nevada Well Driller's Board is Steve Hamrick and Paul Forbes. Representing the Nevada Division of Water Resources is Chad Walling, Gary Blake and myself, Manny Fernandez. 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 November 13th, 2024, have been distributed for your review. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes?
Steve?

Paul Forbes: None.

Steve Hamrick: No.

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

Paul Forbes: I move to approve the minutes.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned, and Steve seconded. All in favor say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay.

The motion carries. 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: Well, I just wanted to say for anybody listening, we held a public workshop last month regarding regulation revisions on licensing, and the next part of that process is we have posted a notice of intent to act upon regulations and set a public hearing for adoption for Wednesday March 12th at 9:00 o'clock in the morning. Details of all of this are posted all across the state, everywhere. It's on our website. I will send an email out to our list serve as soon as I get a chance. If there's any questions, you guys can let me know. The other major business involving the board is that currently my inbox has four responses to fill the board vacancies, and we'll be filling those vacancies before the next quarterly meeting. I sent out I think seventeen requests. Got four back. That's enough, so it's good. That's all I have.

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 241.030, to conduct the oral exams?

Paul Forbes: I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned, and Steve seconded. 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.

8:30 a.m. — 9:16 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Colton Tousignant's oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

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

Paul Forbes: I move to open the meeting.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned; Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

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

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for a water well license.

Manny Fernandez: Steve?

Steve Hamrick: I also recommend approval.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Colton Tousignant, for his Water Well License. The time is 9:16 a.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Paul Forbes: I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned, and Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries.

9:20 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

*** Meeting closed to conduct James Fisher’s oral examination. ***

Action

Recommendation:

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

Paul Forbes: I move to open the meeting.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned; Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

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

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for a water well license.

Manny Fernandez: Steve?

Steve Hamrick: I also recommend approval.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer James Fisher, for his Water Well License. The time is 10:12 a.m.

Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Paul Forbes: I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned, and Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries.

10:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

*** Meeting closed to conduct Colter Rasmussen’s oral examination.***

Action

Recommendation:

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

Paul Forbes: I move to open the meeting.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned; Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

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

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for a water well license.

Manny Fernandez: Steve?

Steve Hamrick: I also recommend approval.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Colter Rasmussen, for his Water Well License. The time is 11:32 a.m.

Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Paul Forbes: I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned, and Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries.

11:30 a.m. – 1:35 p.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Lakota Truefeather’s oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

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

Paul Forbes: I move to open the meeting.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned; Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

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

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for a water well license.

Manny Fernandez: Steve?

Steve Hamrick: I also recommend approval.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Lakota Truefeather, for his Water Well License. The time is 1:36 p.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Paul Forbes: I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned, and Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries.

1:40 p.m. – 2:36 p.m.

*** Meeting closed to conduct Shane McNulty’s oral examination. ***

Action

Recommendation:

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

Paul Forbes: I move to open the meeting.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned; Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

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

Paul Forbes: I recommend a retest. Just brush up on the monitor well stuff and the pads and the waivers.

Manny Fernandez: Steve?

Steve Hamrick: I also recommend a retest. I think his weakest point is the monitor well construction and the waivers.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer a retest of part 3, for Shane McNulty, for his Water Well License. The time is 2:36 p.m.

Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Paul Forbes: I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned, and Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries.

2:36 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Ezekial Washington’s oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

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

Paul Forbes: I move to open the meeting.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned; Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

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

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for a water well license.

Manny Fernandez: Steve?

Steve Hamrick: I also recommend approval.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Ezekial Washington, for his Water Well License. The time is 3:35 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, February 11th, 2024, in Carson City Nevada.

Adjourn:

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

Paul Forbes: I move to adjourn.

Steve Hamrick: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned; Steve seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries. Meeting adjourned. The time is 3:37 p.m.

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