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STATE OF NEVADA WELL DRILLERS' ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
STATEWIDE WELL DRILLER'S EXAMINATION

August 7th, 2024

DRAFT (subject to revision)

(Final minutes will be available on the Board's website

<http://water.nv.gov/WellDrillersAdvisoryBoard.aspx> after ratification by the Board at the next scheduled Board meeting)

Board Members

Present: Tobias Trujillo, Steve Hamrick and Paul Forbes

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Members Present: Timothy Semays, 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 Las Vegas, Nevada. Today's date is August 7th, 2024. The time is 8:00 AM. Representing the Nevada Well Driller's Board is Tobias Trujillo, Steve Hamrick and Paul Forbes. Representing the Nevada Division of Water Resources is Timothy Semays, 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 May 8th, 2024, have been distributed for your review. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes? Steve?

Steve Hamrick: None.

Manny Fernandez: Tobias?

Tobias Trujillo: None.

Manny Fernandez: Paul?

Paul Forbes: None.

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to approve the minutes.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Steve motioned, and Paul 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: Yesterday Chad gave a little brief overview of anything that's changed in the well drilling section. Nothing really new. The only thing is we got renewals done. So, I think we only had about 24 that didn't renew. They can still do late renewals or something, but other than that we don't have any new topics to discuss. Okay, 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?

Steve Hamrick: I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. *Noise break* The motion carries.

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

8:03 a.m. – 9:18 a.m.

***Meeting closed to conduct Donald Miller's oral examination. ***

Action

Recommendation:

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

Steve Hamrick: Okay, we are going to recommend that you just come back for a full retest, and the main thing you need to do is study. You're really limited where you're at and learning how to do stuff you know. But you do need to you know see what you can look up and get stuff off the internet on how to mix mud, and also you need to learn about the cement products. The numbers.

Donald Miller: And I know them, I just need to go over this stuff.

Steve Hamrick: Go over that okay. So, we're going to recommend that you come back for a retest. Just for part three.

Manny Fernandez: Tobias?

Tobias Trujillo: I would agree with him. You can go online and go to a place called All Star and you can watch a video about a three-hour video about mixing mud, from A-Z. It's really helpful. I think that you did really good in some areas today, but you just need to spend more time,

you know. I think that you will become a licensed driller. I just think that you need a little bit more help.

Manny Fernandez: Paul?

Paul Forbes: I'm going to recommend a retest also. I think you did a good job and you're on the right track, just a little more digging in the book and make sure you're following the regulations to a "T".

Tobias Trujillo: But don't get discouraged. You did pretty good all-around today.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Donald Miller, for a retest for his Water Well License, part three. The time is 9:33 a.m.

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries.

9:35 a.m. – 10:38 a.m.

*** Meeting closed to conduct Dallas Edwards's oral examination. ***

Action

Recommendation:

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Steve?

Steve Hamrick: I recommend approval for a water well license.

Manny Fernandez: Tobias?

Tobias Trujillo: I recommend approval for a water well license.

Manny Fernandez: Okay. Paul?

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

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Dallas Edwards, for his Water Well License. The time is 10:38 a.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries.

10:38 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

*** Meeting closed to conduct Lee Aylmer's oral examination. ***

Action

Recommendation:

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Steve?

Steve Hamrick: I recommend approval.

Manny Fernandez: Tobias?

Tobias Trujillo: I recommend approval.

Manny Fernandez: Okay. Paul?

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval..

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Lee Aylmer, for his Water Well License. The time is 11:40 a.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries.

11:40 a.m. – 1:47 p.m.

*** Meeting closed to conduct Brett Gresham's oral examination. ***

Action

Recommendation:

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Steve?

Steve Hamrick: Okay. I'm going to recommend approval for using the Sonic Rig and Monitor Wells only. I think before you can do others you need to learn more about the mud.

Brett Gresham: Okay.

Manny Fernandez: So we're going to limit it by equipment? Sonic Rig and just Monitor Wells? Okay.

Brett Gresham: That's fair.

Manny Fernandez: Tobias?

Tobias Trujillo: I agree with him. Just to do monitor wells with a sonic rig only. I do agree with Steve, but I think all around I think you know what you're doing. So, congratulations.

Brett Gresham: Thank you.

Manny Fernandez: Okay. Paul?

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for his monitor well license limited to sonic rig only.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Brett Gresham, for his limited Water Well License. The time is 1:47 p.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries.

1:47 p.m. – 2:29 p.m.

*** Meeting closed to conduct Joseph Valentine’s oral examination. ***

Action

Recommendation:

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Steve?

Steve Hamrick: Okay. I recommend approval and he can have it any way he wants to. He was asking for air limitation, and he doesn’t need that. He knows about mud.

Manny Fernandez: So just limiting to monitor wells, right?

Steve Hamrick: Just monitor wells.

Manny Fernandez: Okay. Tobias?

Tobias Trujillo: I say approval for monitor wells with air and mud. Or however you want to drill. I’m very confident.

Manny Fernandez: Okay. Paul?

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for his monitor well license.

Manny Fernandez: Okay. The board recommends to the State Engineer, Joseph Valentine, for his Monitor Well License. The time is 2:29 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, August 7th, 2024, in Las Vegas Nevada.

Adjourn:

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries. Meeting adjourned. The time is 2:30 p.m.

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