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STATE OF NEVADA WELL DRILLERS' ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
2-2023 STATEWIDE WELL DRILLER'S EXAMINATION

May 9, 2023

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: Dan Kohlman, Tobias Trujillo and Steve Hamrick

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Members Present: Trevor Price and Chad Walling

Call to Order: 8:12 am

Approval of Board
Meeting Minutes:

Board meeting minutes 1-2023 from the meeting dated February 7, 2023, were reviewed by the Board. Dan Kohlman motioned the Board to conduct a vote to approve said minutes as read. Tobias Trujillo seconded. Motion carries. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Action

Board Business: Chad Walling updated the Advisory Board that license renewals are ongoing. We submitted our report to the Governor in response to Executive Order 2023-004. Chad thanked the board for their input and advised the board that work is ongoing to fill vacant board member positions.

Discussion: Regarding license reciprocity in response to Governor Lombardo's Executive Order 2023-004. Chad Walling discussed that one of the items in the first report to the Governor was a recommendation for accepting reciprocal licenses from other states. The next step is to develop a plan by July 1, 2023, for how we could implement. Chad explained he looked at states across the county that license individuals that have reciprocity language. Most have language that states that the license they currently hold a license in has substantially similar testing and regulation framework to the state they are seeking to get a reciprocal license. A lot of states have agreements between other states, but not all. Some will issue a license with no additional testing, some will waive a portion of the tests. Dan Kohlman asked about overlaps between regulation questions on the written exam compared to the level of detail in the oral exams and

stated that we may be able to just get away with doing the written exam. Discussion that limitations on a license would carry over from the state an applicant currently holds a license in. Discussion about the possibility of requiring the person seeking reciprocity to have held their license in another state for some amount of time before being eligible. There was discussion about other recommended revisions to the exams and the possibilities for increasing the frequency of offering the written tests. The board discussed the possibility of allowing flexibility to still consider a full examination depending on how the applicant scores on their written test. There was a discussion on whether a board member could weigh in on a reciprocity application, but only if it could be done outside of an open meeting. There was a question on whether the board would still need to provide a recommendation for approval if there was no board meeting.

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.

8:45 a.m. – 10:18 a.m.

Action

Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to close the meeting to conduct oral interviews. Tobias Trujillo seconded. Motion carries.
Applicant Auston Dean interviewed before the Board.

Action

Recommendation:

Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to open the meeting to give the Board's recommendation. Tobias Trujillo seconded. Motion carries.
The Board unanimously recommends to the State Engineer approval of Mr. Dean's Water Well Driller license.

10:23 a.m. – 11:26 a.m.

Action

Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to close the meeting to conduct oral interviews. Tobias Trujillo seconded. Motion carries.
Applicant Cody Lotze interviewed before the Board.

Action

Recommendation:

Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to open the meeting to give the Board's recommendation. Tobias Trujillo seconded. Motion carries.
The Board unanimously recommends to the State Engineer approval of Mr. Lotze's Nevada Water Well Driller license.

11:31 a.m. – 12:14 p.m.

Action

Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to close the meeting to conduct oral interviews. Tobias Trujillo seconded. Motion carries.
Applicant Kenneth McElwee, Jr. interviewed before the Board.

Action

Recommendation:

Dan Kohlman motioned to the Board to open the meeting to give the Board's recommendation. Tobias Trujillo seconded. Motion carries.
The Board unanimously recommends to the State Engineer approval of Mr. McElwee's Nevada Water Well Driller license.

Public Comment:

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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 2-2023, held in Carson City, Nevada was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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