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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's Licensing Board Members

George Gaffke (chair)

Larry Lyons

David Dingledine

Greg Wilburn

Michael Gross

FROM: Jerry Dalsin Elaine Beard

DATE: December 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Minutes - October 20, 2011 Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's

Licensing Board Meeting

Attendance and Meeting Location

The meeting began at 3:58 p.m. on October 20, 2011. Board members present: David Dingledine, George Gaffke, Michael Gross, Larry Lyons, and Greg Wilburn. Department personnel: Ken McCann, Dave Johnson, Jamie Tosetti, Elaine Beard, Jerry Dalsin. Visitor: Ken Runkle, former division chief. The meeting was held at the Ramada Limited North, 3280 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702.

Licenses Issued - 15

- 11 Water Well Contractor (092)
 - 3 Water Well Pump Installation Contractor (101)
 - 1 Water Well & Pump Installation Contractor (102)

Examination - 22 Applicants -

16 registered to become water well contractors – 1 no show 5 registered to become water well pump installation contractors – 0 no show 1 registered to become water well & pump installation contractors – 0 no show

Well Code had 15 score of 70 or above Pump Code had 6 scores of 70 or above Pump Experience had 12 scores of 70 or above Pump Experience had 4 score of 70 or above

All applicants were mailed their test scores in a letter of pass or fail on October 31, 2011. Successful applicants were mailed their licenses. A list of licensees was mailed to the Office of Mines and Minerals, Illinois State Water Survey, IAGP, IDPH regional offices and local health departments.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda that was distributed in advance was adopted without change.

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Motion: To Approve the Agenda for the October 20, 2011 Board Meeting

Made By: David Dingledine Seconded By: Larry Lyons

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the April 14, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 14, 2011 Board meeting.

Motion: To Approve the April 14, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Made By: Michael Gross Seconded By: Greg Wilburn

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion: To move the spring exam from April 2012 to February 2012

Made By: Michael Gross Seconded By: Larry Lyons

Vote: 2 aye, 2 nay

The board discussed the motion to move the exam at length and took a second

vote.

Vote: 1 member in favor, 3 members opposed, killing the motion

Travel reimbursement of the board's expenses

Elaine Beard explained the economic conditions of the State and the possible inability to reimburse the board members travel expenses. The board decided to attend the meetings whether they were reimbursed or not. It was stated by Ken McCann that the Department would attempt to continue to reimburse the board for travel expenses.

Contractor's License Examinations held on October 21, 2011

George Gaffke reminded the Board members of their assignments for the examinations to be given on October 21, 2011.

April 20, 2012 (will begin with Pump Code)

Pump Code – Larry Lyons **Well Code** – Michael Gross

Pump Experience - David Dingledine **Well Experience** - George Gaffke

As a reminder, the examinations during 2012 are scheduled for April 20, 2012 and October 19, 2012.

Exam Questions for 2012

Exam question selection and delivery deadline to Elaine Beard was discussed. It was decided that the questions would be sent to Elaine Beard by each member two months in advance of the exam. Elaine will put the test together and forward it to George Gaffke.

Appointment of Harold Albrecht

The appointment of Harold Albrecht to the board, to fill the vacancy left by John Pitz, was approved by the Governor's office on October 6, 2011.

<u>Interaction between the Water Well and Pump Installers License Board and the New Closed Loop Well Board</u>

Members of both boards will interact to ensure no conflicts between the two boards. Two Representatives of the Water well and Pump Installers Board will be on the Closed Loop Well Board. The selection process has not been completed at this time.

Extension of Old Wells that were Improperly Constructed

Updating aging wells that have been constructed using tin, or stove pipe for a casing and cannot support a pit-less adapter was discussed. It was decided that a change in the code was not appropriate to accommodate upgrade of improperly constructed water wells due to the fact that they could not legally be brought up to code.

Use of Plastic Pipe for Deep Wells and Grouting

The issue of grouting liner pipe in wells constructed in Lake County was discussed. Liner pipe currently being installed and grouted by the Halliburton method does not have a minimum annular space of 2 inches between the largest outer diameter of the PVC casing and the borehole. The Board plans to discuss the issue directly with Lake County and advise the Department on making revisions to the Guidance Document on the Installation and Grouting of Liner Pipe.

Amendments to the Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's Licensing Code

Jerry Dalsin brought copies of the proposed updated language to the Code. George Gaffke commented that Section 915.5 definition of water well includes monitoring wells where the Water Well Code does not.

Health and safety issues in the code were discussed and it was a consensus of the board that the health and safety incorporations by reference were not appropriate to be in the code. If the section that incorporates health and safety requirements can be eliminated, the board recommends eliminating it from the code.

The board questioned the period of time that is required by Section 915.8 Continuing Education Sessions, prior to the training event that the curriculum has to be sent to the Department for approval. It was thought that 6 months was excessive. Jerry Dalsin stated that he would take another look at that section and see if the time period could be adjusted. A consensus of the board was 60 days prior with 30 days for the Department to approve the curriculum for continuing education credit.

The board recommended that the word "all" be added to licensed contractors be notified as required by Section 915.8 (e). Continuing Education Sessions.

Other Business

<u>List of Applicants for the test</u> - No one on the board had received a list of the applicants for the test. The board would like a list to review prior to the test. The board will get a list prior to future tests.

<u>Contractors that did not get their continuing education on time</u> - Persons with lapsed licenses can get reinstated after they get their CE hours. When there is a lapse of license it will be indicated on the IDPH website. Local health departments can check for the status on line after the expiration deadline.

<u>Reciprocity for Well Inspection</u> - Jerry will send a copy of the language concerning the inspection reciprocity to the board for review.

<u>Chlorinators being Added to Wells</u> – Concern from the board was expressed about the Department allowing pellet chlorinators to be added to wells. Pellet chlorinators were discussed and the fact that EPA considers chlorine to be a contaminant was thought to make them illegal.

Next Meeting

George Gaffke Scheduled the next Board meeting for April 19, 2012, to be held at the Ramada Limited North in Springfield, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Presentation of Award of Appreciation

Jerry Dalsin was presented an award of appreciation for his 23 years of service to the private water program and his relationship to the Board.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Board meeting.

Made By: Dave Dingledine Seconded By: Greg Wilburn

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.