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MEMORANDUM

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

George Gaffke (chairman)
Larry Lyons
Michael Gross

David Dingledine
Greg Wilburn
Harold Albrecht

FROM: David W. Johnson, P.E.
Elaine Beard, AA

DATE: November 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Minutes – October 18, 2012 Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's
Licensing Board Meeting

Attendance and Meeting Location

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. on October 18, 2012. Board members present: David Dingledine, George Gaffke, Michael Gross, Greg Wilburn, and Harold Albrecht. Department personnel: Ken McCann, David Johnson, Elaine Beard. Board member absent: Larry Lyons. The meeting was held at the Ramada Limited North, 3280 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702.

Licenses Issued - 7

6 - Water Well Contractor (092)
1 - Water Well Pump Installation Contractor (101)
0 - Water Well & Pump Installation Contractor (102)

Examination - 20 Applicants -

9 registered to become water well contractors (092) – 2 no show
7 registered to become water well pump installation contractors (101) – 2 no show
3 registered to become water well & pump installation contractors (102)– 0 no show

Well Code had 10 score of 70 or above
Pump Code had 7 scores of 70 or above

Well Experience had 7 scores of 70 or above
Pump Experience had 1 score of 70 or above

All applicants were mailed their test scores in a letter of pass or fail on October 23, 2012. 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.

Motion: To Approve the Agenda for the October 18, 2012 Board Meeting

Made By: Michael Gross

Seconded By: Harold Albrecht

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the April 19, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 20, 2011 Board meeting with the correction of the addition of Harold Albrecht attending.

Motion: To Approve the Amended April 19, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Made By: David Dingledine

Seconded By: Harold Albrecht

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Geothermal Rules Update

David Johnson, IDPH gave an update on the progress of the Closed Loop Well Contractor's Certification Rules. The rules have moved to JCAR after they were presented to the Board of Health and the Board of Health voted to approve the rules. The rules were submitted to JCAR so they could get the illustrations in their format. The discussion included mandatory hard dates for the effectiveness of the new Rules.

Inspection Requirements

Ken McCann, IDPH asked the Board to give an opinion on comprehensive well inspections that are being required to be performed by the regulating community. General consensus is that the random, surprise inspections will be more effective than announced comprehensive inspections that are now required.

Legislative Change to Allow Agent and Ordinance Counties to Set Fees

The Board was asked about the feasibility of the local health departments initiating legislative change to allow the locals to set permit fees. The Board stated that a cap on the fee would be appropriate if the legislation was to get passed. It was discussed that the fee could be meant to include all inspection fees to keep locals from tacking on additional fees.

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Contractor’s License Examinations to be held on October 19, 2012

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October 19, 2012 (began with Pump Code)

Pump Code – George Gaffke	Well Code – Harold Albrecht
Pump Experience - Greg Wilburn	Well Experience - Michael Gross

2013 Exam Dates

Meeting: April 18, 2013
Exam: April 19, 2013

Meeting: October 17, 2013
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Dates for 2014

George Gaffke stated that the dates for 2014 will be determined at the next meeting.

Exam Questions for 2013

The exam questions for 2013 will be submitted to Elaine by January 15, 2013. Once again the test will remain the same for both April 2013 and October 2013.

Permitting Issues in the Rockford Area

David Johnson reported back on the report that Ogle County Health Department denied a permit application due to the county's requirement of 150 foot setback from a septic system and based on the site plan not being drawn to scale. Ogle County reported that there was creviced limestone near the surface at that particular area. Wells in that particular area were reportedly getting bad samples if they were not separated by 150 feet and cased down to 150 feet.

Stephenson County is contending that drillers may not use a permit issued to another driller if the proper notice is not given to the health department. County health departments are reportedly letting the homeowner switch drillers on the same permit. The permit was agreed to go with the property.

Steel Casing Wells and Eliminating Pits

The situation where a well with a steel casing is not up to code, in a pit, but providing water that has good samples was discussed. Using plastic to bring the casing to the surface by welding a coupling onto the steel was brought into question by David Dingedine.

Other Business

Macon County is not open on Thursday or Friday and won't let contractors submit notification of a well sealing when they are not there. This puts undue burden on the contractors and drives costs up.

A conflict of interest question about the taking of the licensing exam by board member family was brought up. It was discussed and it was noted that the Board is held to the ethics statement that they sign and there should be no conflict of interest.

Next Meeting

George Gaffke Scheduled the next Board meeting for April 18, 2013, to be held at the Ramada Limited North in Springfield, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the Board meeting.

Made By: Harold Albrecht
Seconded By: Dave Dingedine

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.