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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
Harold Albrecht

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

DATE: October 2, 2013

SUBJECT: Minutes – April 18, 2013 Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's
Licensing Board Meeting

Attendance and Meeting Location

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. on April 18, 2013. Board members present: David Dingledine, George Gaffke, Michael Gross, Greg Wilburn, Larry Lyons and Harold Albrecht. Department personnel: Ken McCann, David Johnson, Elaine Beard. The meeting was held at the Ramada Limited North, 3280 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702.

Licenses Issued - 0

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

Examination - 10 Applicants -

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

Well Code had 1 score of 70 or above
Pump Code had 3 scores of 70 or above

Well Experience had 3 scores of 70 or above
Pump Experience had 0 score of 70 or above

All applicants were mailed their test scores in a letter of pass or fail on April 23, 2013. There were no successful applicants.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Motion: To Approve the Agenda for the April 18, 2013 Board Meeting

Made By: David Dingledine

Seconded By: Michael Gross

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the October 18, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 18, 2012 Board meeting with the correction of erroneous dates.

Motion: To Approve the Amended October 18, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Made By: Harold Albrecht

Seconded By: Michael Gross

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 returned to the Department for review of the comments resulting from the 45 day first notice comment period. It was explained that the Department would be responsible for responding to all of the comments and resubmission of the rules to JCAR for second notice. The discussion included an 18 month plan to implement the registration process if the rules are promulgated. The registration process was discussed in detail.

Election of a New Chairman

George Gaffke explained that he was ready to ease out of the chairman's position of the Board. Since he is not directly affected by the decisions of the Board, he explained that he may not have a good perspective on the pulse of the industry. George then explained the duties of the chairman. George agreed to remain chairman for one more year.

Contractor's License Examinations to be held on April 19, 2013

George Gaffke reminded the Board members of their assignments for the examinations to be given on April 19, 2013. Exam will begin at 8:30 AM.

April 19, 2013 (will begin with Pump Code)

Pump Code – George Gaffke

Well Code – Larry Lyons

Pump Experience - Greg Wilburn

Well Experience - David Dingledine

2014 Exam Dates

Meeting: April 17, 2014
Exam: April 18, 2014

Meeting: October 16, 2014
Exam: October 17, 2014

Contractor's License Examinations to be held in 2014

George Gaffke gave the Board members their assignments for the examinations to be given on April 18 and October 17, 2014.

April 18, 2014 (will begin with Pump Code)

Pump Code – George Gaffke

Well Code – Larry Lyons

Pump Experience - Greg Wilburn

Well Experience – David Dingledine

October 17, 2014 (will begin with Well Code)

Pump Code – Larry Lyons

Well Code – Harold Albrecht

Pump Experience - David Dingledine

Well Experience – Michael Gross

Exam Questions for 2014

The exam questions for 2014 will be submitted to Elaine by January 15, 2013. Once again the test will remain the same for both April 2014 and October 2014.

Other Business

Setback Distances being set by County Health Departments:

Language in the water well code, such as setbacks in highly permeable soils, was discussed. It was agreed that the next code change process should address these issues to clarify the intent of the code. If a driller has an issue with a local health department the driller should go to the regional level of IDPH with the issue to get it resolved.

Holding up a building permit for a well upgrade:

A Carroll County building inspector is questioning an existing well on the property and asking that it be up to current code before a permit for a house would be issued. It was agreed that the issue was not a water well code issue, but an issue to be remedied by the home owner.

Hydro-fracturing Issues:

The proposed requirement to have a water well driller on site during all hydro-fracturing in the proposed state hydro-fracturing rule was discussed. It was suggested that IDPH keep an eye on the regulations to raise awareness of the effect that the rule may have on licensed water well drillers.

Comprehensive Inspections of water well construction:

Reciprocity for local health departments regarding comprehensive well inspections was discussed. As of this meeting there is no reciprocity but the local health protection grant rules are being amended to address comprehensive well inspection requirements.

Work being performed by non-licensed individuals:

The board discussed several cases where individuals were working under another licensed contractor. One case of a person who let his license lapse for more than 3 years was discussed and it was determined that the rules would have to be enforced and the individual would have to retake the exam and pass prior to renewing.

Next Meeting

George Gaffke Scheduled the next Board meeting for October 17, 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: Dave Dingledine

Seconded By: Michael Gross

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.