MEMORANDUM

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

George Gaffke (chairman)   David Dingledine
Larry Lyons                 Greg Wilburn
Michael Gross               Harold Albrecht

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

DATE: April 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Minutes – October 17, 2013 Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor’s Licensing Board Meeting

Attendance and Meeting Location
The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. on October 17, 2013. All board members were present:
David Dingledine, George Gaffke, Michael Gross, Greg Wilburn, Larry Lyons and Harold Albrecht.
Department personnel: David Johnson, Joe Mitchell, Elaine Beard. The meeting was held at the
Ramada Limited North, 3280 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702.

Adoption of Agenda
The agenda that was distributed in advance was adopted without change.

Motion: To Adopt the Agenda for the October 17, 2013 Board Meeting

Made By: David Dingledine
Seconded By: Harold Albrecht

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the April 18, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes
The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the meeting with the corrections of the dates
associated with the submission of the exam questions.

Motion: To Approve the Amended April 18, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

Made By: Harold Albrecht
Seconded By: Greg Wilburn

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 were to have gone to JCAR for final vote. The vote on the rules was delayed by the Geothermal Alliance of Illinois. The issue that they had was in the setback distances from sewers to geothermal installations. A compromise between the geothermal industry and the groundwater protection people was reached and drafted in the rules. The final proposal was presented to the board.

**New Exam Questions**
Since the rules have not changed, the exam question issue will be put on hold.

**2014 Exam Dates**

- Meeting: April 17, 2014
- Exam: April 18, 2014
- Meeting: October 16, 2014
- Exam: October 17, 2014

**Contractor’s License Examinations held on October 18, 2013**
George Gaffke reminded the Board members of their assignments for the examinations. Exam will begin at 8:30 AM.

- **Pump Code** – Larry Lyons
- **Well Code** – Harold Albrecht
- **Pump Experience** – David Dingledine
- **Well Experience** – Michael Gross

**Licenses Issued**
- 2 - Water Well Contractor (092)
- 3 - Water Well Pump Installation Contractor (101)
- 2 - Water Well & Pump Installation Contractor (102)

**Examination**

- Applicants
  - 8 - registered to become water well contractors (092) – 3- no show
  - 5 - registered to become water well pump installation contractors (101) – 1- no show
  - 4 - registered to become water well & pump installation contractors (102)– 0- no show

- **(5) Well Code** had scores of 70 or above
- **(7) Pump Code** had scores of 70 or above
- **(7) Well Experience** had scores of 70 or above
- **(5) Pump Experience** had scores of 70 or above

All applicants were mailed their test scores in a letter of pass or fail on October 21, 2013. 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.

**Well Abandonment**
Board Chairman, George Gaffke presented an explanation of Lake County’s philosophy on getting well abandonment completed. They anticipate that Lake Michigan water will be brought into communities making thousands of water wells obsolete. Lake County is looking for funding for well abandonment.
Ram Jack Foundation Repair
David Dingledine brought up the issue with the practice of jacking pipes into the ground to stabilize foundations. These pipes are open to the surface and penetrate the aquifer. They pose a risk to the groundwater.

Other Business
Procedures to review the exam applicants were discussed. The board will get to look at the applicants prior to the exam.

Comprehensive Inspections
Local Health Protection Grant Rule changes were discussed regarding reducing the comprehensive inspection requirements. Rule changes are pending.

Next Meeting
George Gaffke scheduled the next Board meeting for April 17, 2014, 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: Harold Albrecht

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.