

**Minutes of the
Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission Meeting
February 6, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission was held on February 6, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Arkansas River Room at Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, 101 East Capitol, Suite 350, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Washington; Vice-Chairman Jones; Commissioners Pender, McDermott, Hunt, Gilbert, and Randy Young, Executive Director of ANRC.

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission staff in attendance included: Crystal Phelps, General Counsel; Deanna Ray, Associate General Counsel; Jessica Wallace, ANRC Administrative Services Manager; Jacob Harvey, Water Well Inspector; Perry Dotson, Water Well Inspector; Jackie Broach, Ground-Water Administrative Analyst, Mark Ragland, Ryan Gilbert, Frank Elder, and Jared McDonald, all representing Arkansas Water Well Contractor's Association; Robert Morey from the Arkansas State Governor's office.

Chairman Washington called the regular meeting of the Arkansas Water Well Commission to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Washington presented the December 4, 2014 Commission Minutes. Commissioner McDermott made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Executive Secretary Young asked Ms. Jessica Wallace, to present the financial report.

Financial Report:

Jessica Wallace, ANRC Administrative Services Manager, presented the monthly financial report ending January 31, 2015. She reported Total Revenue of \$181,549.43; YTD Expenses of \$95,430.66; and YTD Net Revenue of \$86,118.77, leaving a Total Fund Balance of \$372,817.69. Ms. Wallace reported that finances are within \$2,000.00 reported at this same time last year.

Financial Report was approved.

Legal:

Associate General Counsel Deanna Ray presented Stipend reimbursement for the Commissioners. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the Commission wishes not accept Stipend reimbursement, seconded by Commissioner McDermott. Motion carried.

Associate General Counsel Deanna Ray presented Travel reimbursement for the Commissioners. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the Commission wishes not accept Travel reimbursement, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried.

Associate General Counsel Deanna Ray then went over the Draft Rules and Regulations changes the Rules, Regulations and Fees Committee presented to the commission for approval. The Arkansas Water Well Contractor Association members in attendance gave input to the proposed changes discussed:

- change the distance of drive time for a Supervisor to be available to job site from 1 hour to 2 hours
- removed the \$25.00 Exam Fee
- added a definition of geothermal drilling
- Amount of Bond changed from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00
- anyone refusing to accept mail from the Commission will result in immediate suspension of their registrations and license and could result in further disciplinary actions
- requiring all driller, pump installer and apprentice to obtain 6 CEU's every year – was not approved
- Apprentice Supervisor must be a full time employee of the Company supervising the apprentice – approved
- Length of apprenticeship changed from 1 to 2 years and eliminates the necessity of having to get a letter – approved
- Outsourcing the exams – not approved
- Geothermal drillers don't have to be a water well driller, but do have to provide application, fee and provide proof of successful completion of geothermal well construction and after approval, must successfully complete 3 supervised jobs from a water well supervisor and will be able to drill Geothermal wells up to 200 feet
- Pump Installers do not have to file a construction report, but must maintain those records in their office

- Industrial wells must be sealed with a concrete slab or grouted or both and irrigation wells will be sealed with bentonite seals; Casings changed from 5 feet to 10 feet
- service vehicles are required to be marked with new requirements – was deferred/not approved at this time
- Added new form and procedures for excessive sediment inspections/reports
- Mr. Randy Young stated there will be more training and certification. Once the courses have been identified and approved, Mr. Young will report back to the commission.

Consideration of Applicants:

Jackie Broach presented the following applicants for Commission approval:

STATUS OF THOSE ALREADY APPROVED:

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>	<u>EXAM</u>
Eric T. Kennedy	Hardwick Well Supply	Wheatley, AR	(D/PI) Passed

NEW DRILLER APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Joshua P. Crow	Tolunay Wong Engineers	Houston, TX
Arlin Keith Barge	Tolunay Wong Engineers	Houston, TX
Clay D. Boreing	John Boreing Water Wells	Magnolia, AR
Brian G. Gose	Cascade Drilling, LP	Ocala, FL
Steven D. Hill	W.E. Pender & Sons	Texarkana, AR

Motion made by Commissioner McDermott to approve applicants as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried.

NEW PUMP INSTALLER APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Clay D. Boreing	John Boreing Water Wells	Magnolia, AR

Motion made by Commissioner Pender to approve applicant as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried.

NEW DRILLER APPRENTICE APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
None		

NEW PUMP INSTALLER APPRENTICE APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Josh D. Gibler	R&R Pump Service	Bentonville, AR
Jeffrey D. Collins	Abbott Supply Company	McGehee, AR

Motion made by Commissioner Jones to approve applicants as submitted, seconded by Commissioner McDermott. Motion carried.

Inspectors Report:

- Illegal Drilling and Pump Installers inspections
 - Baxter Co. – On going
 - Faulkner Co. – On going
 - Madison Co.- On going
 - Pulaski Co. – No illegal pump installer found.
 - Well Inspections
 - Izard Co.
 - Miller Co.
 - Contractor Visits
 - Arkansas Co.
 - Benton Co.
 - Carroll Co.
 - Faulkner Co.
 - Lonoke Co.
 - Poinsett Co.
 - Washington Co.
 - Anonymous calls on unlicensed contractors (0)
- 2014 water well database Report

- 518 well reports entered by staff.
- 1556 well reports entered by (48) contractors.

2013

- 1049 well reports entered by staff.
- 1777 well reports entered by contractors.

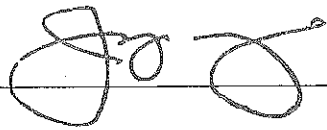
Mr. Todd Fugitt reported that the Inspector's Training will be Geothermal related courses with a firm in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He also discussed excessive sediment processing and reported that the excessive sediment rule will probably be implemented sometime this summer. He passed out sample forms that the Inspector's will go by to process excessive sediment and will accompany the sample to the lab doing the testing.

Other Business:

Britt Hill reported on the four billboards that have been installed by the Commission and showed pictures of the billboards in their locations.

Commissioner McDermott commended the AWWCA for being involved with the commission and also stated that the ANRC staff was complemented on doing a good job by the AWWCA. Commissioner Gilbert noted that there are a lot of young faces in the AWWCA who have come into the water well business and stayed, and he is glad to see that they have chosen to stay with the business.

Meeting adjourned.



J. Randy Young, P.E.
Executive Secretary

4-3-15

Date