

**Minutes of the
Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission Meeting
April 1, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission was held on April 1, 2016 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: Vice Chairman Lance Jones; Commissioners Mike McDermott, David Gilbert and Randy Young, Executive Secretary.

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission staff in attendance included Ryan Benefield, ANRC Deputy Director; Edward Swaim, Chief, Water Resources Management; Crystal Phelps, General Counsel; Deanna Ray, Associate General Counsel; Jessica Wallace, ANRC Administrative Services Manager; Todd Fugitt, Geology Supervisor; Perry Dotson, Water Well Inspector; Jackie Broach, Ground-Water Administrative Analyst.

Vice-Chairman Jones called the regular meeting of the Arkansas Water Well Commission to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Vice-Chairman Jones presented the February 5, 2016 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, Randy Young, welcomed Associate General Counsel, Deanna Ray, back from maternity leave and stated that it was good to have her back. Executive Secretary Young also introduced new ANRC employee, Tim Dreher, who will be supporting the AWWCC as a Water Well Inspector. Mr. Dreher is a Geologist who got his degree from UALR. Mr. Dreher previously worked in the ANRC Dam Safety Program for approximately three years. Executive Secretary Young welcomed Mr. Dreher to AWWCC.

Financial Report:

Jessica Wallace, ANRC Administrative Services Manager, presented the monthly financial report ending March 31, 2016. She reported Total Revenue of \$178,731.42; YTD Expenses of \$121,898.52; and YTD Net Revenue of \$56,832.90, leaving a Cash Balance of \$318,826.74; and a Total Fund Balance of \$354,372.54. She reported revenue was still on track with this time last year. Executive Secretary Young asked Ms. Wallace about the fiscal year-end. Ms. Wallace responded that preparations for it were underway and that there shouldn't be any concerns or problems regarding AWWCC.

Financial Report was approved.

Legal:

Associate General Counsel, Deanna Ray stated the rule changes that were proposed by AWWCC were approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in March. She directed that the AWWCC now needs to vote to finalize them. She stated that the Legislative Council did not request any changes, but did have a couple questions regarding the increase in the Water Well Bond. She stated that Deputy Director, Ryan Benefield, answered their questions and the Council approved the rule changes. Executive Secretary Young made a motion to approve the rule changes. Commissioner McDermott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Associate General Counsel Ray gave the following update on open cases:

- The Arnold Case: Fees were paid and case is now closed
- The Patton Case (Outstanding Provisional Order): Contractor called and is sending the check
- The Brian Stone/AST Pump Installing Case: Installed a pump without license and registration and Legal will be pursuing that with a Provisional Order.

CE Program:

Todd Fugitt, ANRC Geology Supervisor, reported on the Arkansas CE program in relation to the Missouri CE program. Mr. Fugitt stated that he had been in touch with Kyle Rollins of the Missouri DNR, and that their water well authority lies in the Well Installation Board. Mr. Fugitt stated that Missouri is just now instituting a CEU program and are drafting rules for obtaining CEU's as a requirement for licensing. He further stated that he periodically gets calls from Arkansas and Missouri contractors asking if Arkansas had required pre-approved courses in order to obtain CEU's. Mr. Fugitt reminded the AWWCC that most of the Arkansas Contractors obtained their CEU's from the AWWCA meetings held twice a year, and that the AWWCC determined that pre-approved courses were not necessary as the honor system proved a viable system in obtaining CEU's. He noted that the few contractors that do not attend the AWWCA meetings turn in CEU's that are appropriate to obtaining their license renewal and the system is working great.

Executive Secretary Young reported that former AWWCC commissioner, Will Shell, called and encouraged Executive Secretary Young and the rest of the staff to attend the AWWCA meeting to be held in Eureka Springs this summer.

New Recommendations:

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>
Larry Pense	Pense Brothers Drilling	Fredericktown, MO	Passed
Steven W. Smith	Pense Brothers Drilling	Fredericktown, MO	Passed
Roger L. Brewington	Pense Brothers Drilling	Fredericktown, MO	Passed
Michael C. Tipton	Ark-MO Well Drillers	Steele, MO	Passed
Robert C. Madison	Madison Drilling Company	Williford, AR	Passed

Dennis V. Woodard M&M Drilling Company Biggers, AR Passed

NEW DRILLER APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Toby D. Stafford	Arkansas Well Supply	McCrary, AR
Jacobo F. Friessen	Vanguard Water Wells	Levelland, TX
Richard E. Lane	M&W Drilling, LLC	Knoxville, TN

NEW PUMP INSTALLER APPLICANT

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

NEW DRILLER APPRENTICE APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Dominic A. Tarena	Anderson Engineering Consultants	Little Rock, AR

NEW PUMP INSTALLER APPRENTICE APPLICANT

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

Inspector's Report 4/1/2016:

- Illegal Drilling and Pump Installer
 - Boone Co. - Work was done by an AR registered pump installer. No violations.
 - Madison Co.- (Pump work) On going
- Well Inspections
 - Washington Co. – Advised on AWWCC Proper well Abandonment.

Construction report QA/QC program

- Five new well construction sites were inspected in Carroll and IZard counties. All well construction and reporting comply with AWWCC rules and regulations.
- Rig Inspection
 - Pulaski Co. – NO violations.
- Contractor Visits
 - Boone Co. (2)
- Anonymous complaints (0)
- Spring Water Level measurements

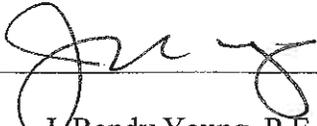
Water well database Report (February 2, 2016 – March 30, 2016)

- 64 well reports entered by staff.
- 140 well reports entered by contractors.
- Total well reports entered to date (2016) – 332

Other Business:

Commissioner Gilbert thanked ANRC and AWWCC staff and commissioners for the calls and prayers for his son-in-law during his time of illness.

Meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Young', written over a horizontal line.

L. Randy Young, P.E.
Executive Secretary

A handwritten date '6-7-16' in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date