

**Minutes of the
Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission Meeting
June 5, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission was held on June 5, 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: Commissioner David Washington, Vice-Chairman Lance Jones; Commissioners Ernest Pender, Mike McDermott, Tom Hunt, David Gilbert, and Randy Young, Executive Secretary for AWWCC.

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission staff in attendance included Edward Swaim, Chief, Water Resources Management; Jessica Wallace, ANRC Administrative Services Manager; Jacob Harvey, Water Well Inspector; Perry Dotson, Water Well Inspector; Jackie Broach, Ground-Water Administrative Analyst.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Vice Chairman Jones presented the April 3, 2015 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 reported that Gov. Hutchinson has given the approval to begin the rule making process for formal adoption of the revisions of the Arkansas Water Plan so ANRC will be having public hearings all across Arkansas this summer and encouraged all to attend any of those hearings that may be held in their areas. He also reported that formal adoption should be sometime this fall.

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 May 31, 2015. She reported Total Revenue of \$186,204.04; YTD Expenses of \$156,858.14; and YTD Net Revenue of \$29,345.90, leaving a Total Fund Balance of \$316,044.82. Ms. Wallace reported that finances are within \$2,000.00 reported at this same time last year and reminded everyone that the fiscal year ends June 30, 2015 and that the budget is on track.

Financial Report was approved.

Legal:

None

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>
Joseph K. Hall	Anderson Engineering	Little Rock, AR	(D) Passed
Douglas E. Assenmacher	Layne Christenson Company	Kansas City, KS	(D/PI) Passed

NEW DRILLER APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Chris H. Shipman	A.A. Shipman Drilling Company	Yellville, AR
Robert L. Flair, Jr.	None	

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

NEW PUMP INSTALLER APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Blake J. Cates	TCS Water Solutions Company	Hot Springs, AR

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

NEW DRILLER APPRENTICE APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Tye L. Wang	A.A. Shipman Drilling Company	Yellville, AR
Roger L. Spencer	Frank Elder Well Supply Company	Carlisle, AR
Brian A. Major	Frank Elder Well Supply Company	Carlisle, AR

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

NEW PUMP INSTALLER APPRENTICE APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Roger L. Spencer	Frank Elder Well Supply Company	Carlisle, AR
Brian A. Major	Frank Elder Well Supply Company	Carlisle, AR
Paul J. Merritt	Frank Elder Well Supply Company	Carlisle, AR
Devon W. Frost	GMC Pump Company	Garfield, AR

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

Inspectors Report – 6/5/15:

- **Illegal Drilling and Pump Installers**
 - Arkansas Co.- (Advertising) Contractor is licensed.
 - Baxter Co. – (Septic system distance) On going
 - Benton Co.- (geothermal) On going
 - Faulkner Co. – On going
 - Madison Co.- (Pump work) On going
 - Pope Co. – (geothermal) On going
 - Pulaski Co. –(Pump work) On going
 - Searcy Co.- (Pump work) On going
- **Well Inspections**
 - Benton Co.
 - Lonoke Co.(Abandonment/cap)
 - Miller Co.
- **Rig Inspection**
 - Franklin Co.
 - Newton Co.
 - Perry Co.
- **Contractor Visits**
 - Arkansas Co.
 - Benton Co.
 - Boone Co.
 - Carroll Co.
 - Chicot Co.
 - Logan Co.
 - Lonoke Co.
 - Izard Co.
 - Phillips Co.
 - Polk Co.
 - Randolph Co.
 - Sharp Co.
 - White Co.
- **Anonymous calls on unlicensed contractors (0)**

Water well database Report (April-June) 2015

- 107 well reports entered by staff.
- 260 well reports entered by (48) contractors

*Trained 4 contractors/drillers on how to use the water well database and enter construction reports.

Commissioner Pender asked how many contractors were not using the database for construction reporting. Inspector Harvey responded that he did not have the exact number, but would report that at the next AWWCC meeting. He stated that there are a few who do not have internet access, but those using it are finding it very useful.

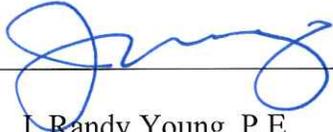
Other Business:

Commissioner Pender reported that he looked for some information from the construction reports but found that the information was not available. He stated that USGS was given this information but doesn't know if they readily have access to it and that a lot of the reports do not have any lithology and that he feels is very useful information and would like to see something done to maintain that information and to make it available to everyone including USGS. He stated in some cases, it would provide information on what is available in the minor aquifers without going down to the major aquifers. He stated that a lot of the older reports aren't readily accessible and feels that they should be. Inspector Harvey responded that the database was established back in the mid 1990's and some of the old logs were entered, but not all of them. He also stated that the database was developed mid 1990's and in order to readily find that old stored information, we would need the exact year the well was dug, the exact contractor who drilled it, and the land owners name in order to find the information. Commissioner suggested it might be a project for an intern to pull all the old reports and catalog the logs in some way, even if they weren't put into the database. He stated that a massive amount of information from 1969 to the 1990's are stored in the basement, but aren't cataloged in a readily accessible manner and recommends them being re-filed so that they can be accessible even though they aren't in the database. He stated that re-filing them in a better manner would be very beneficial. Commissioner McDermott stated that would be over thirty years of files that would have to be re-done. Executive Secretary Young recommended that Edward Swaim, Chief of Water Resources Management get with Todd Fugitt, ANRC Geology Supervisor and staff to look into what is possible and what is not and report back at the next AWWCC meeting in July.

Commissioner Hunt asked the status of HB1823 regarding changing the requirements in renewing expired license and or registration. Commissioner Pender stated that if registration had been expired ten or more years the applicant had to start over, but the new rule change would not have a limit, meaning all they had to do was re-apply without going through the apprenticeship program and testing. Executive Secretary Young responded that Legal staff would give an update at the next AWWCC meeting.

Commissioner Hunt also had questions on HB1844 -- the Arkansas Business Portal Act and how it will affect AWWCC renewals. Executive Secretary Young stated that he didn't believe any of the laws were in effect yet. Edward Swaim, Chief of Water Resources Management stated that if they had an emergency clause, they would be in effect, but if not, they would be in effect ninety days from signing. Legal staff will report on this at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.



J. Randy Young, P.E.
Executive Secretary

12-8-15

Date