

**Minutes of the
Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission Meeting
June 6, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission was held on June 6, 2014 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, Hunt, McDermott, Gilbert, and Randy Young, Executive Director ANRC.

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission staff in attendance included: Edward Swaim, Chief Water Resources Management Division; Jessica Wallace, ANRC Administrative Services Manager; Todd Fugitt, ANRC Geology Supervisor; Jacob Harvey, Water Well Inspector; Perry Dotson, Water Well Inspector; Jackie Broach, Ground-Water Administrative Analyst, and Quin Baber, Summer Intern.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Washington presented the April 4, 2014 Minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott to approve the Minutes as presented and was 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 March 31, 2014. She reported Total Revenue of \$192,004.32 Total Expenses of \$159,987.62; and YTD Net Revenue of \$32,016.70, leaving a Total Fund Balance of \$340,489.83. Ms. Wallace reported that finances are pretty consistent with this same time last year.

Commissioner Young asked Mrs. Wallace if anything significant was being planned in the Budget for the next two years, and Mrs. Wallace responded that there wasn't, but that there was flexibility to change it. Commissioner Young asked both she and the AWWCC to make sure there was enough budgeted for public outreach and, if there was anything being planned by the commission, to keep Mrs. Wallace informed. Mrs. Wallace stated that if there were any plans for more billboards, there was enough monies for two more billboards and also that the AWWCC can go before the Legislature

for more monies. Commissioner Young also asked Mrs. Wallace to make sure that the commissioners receive the AWWCC budget.

There were no further questions, and the Financial Report was approved.

Commissioner Young also reported that a letter had been sent to the Real Estate Commission regarding the law for breaking the seals on wells and disinfecting the wells. He stated that a copy of the letter was enclosed in the folders for each commissioner for their file.

Commissioner Young also reported that the Executive Summary for the Arkansas State Water Plan would be available next month. He projected the completion date would be in November and asked Mr. Edward Swaim, Chief of Water Resources Management Division to make sure the AWWCC get a copy of the summary.

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>
Perrian D. Manley (D) Passed	Ark-Mo Well Drilling Company	Steele, MO
Delmer L. Moore (D&PI) Passed	M&M Well Drilling Company	Biggers, AR

NEW DRILLER APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Arlin K. Barge	Tolunay-Wong Engineers	Houston, TX
Joshua P. Crow	Tolunay-Wong engineers	Houston, TX

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>
Anthony D. Garcia	Gilbert's Hard Rock Drilling	Mena, AR
Aaron C. Holder	Gilbert's Hard Rock Drilling	Mena, AR

Motion made by Commissioner Gilbert to approve these applicants, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried.

NEW PUMP INSTALLER APPRENTICE APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Anthony D. Garcia	Gilbert's Hard Rock Drilling	Mena, AR
Aaron C. Holder	Gilbert's Hard Rock Drilling	Mena, AR
Wilbert E. McDaniel	Pender Water Wells	Texarkana, TX
Richard H. Sanford	Madison County Hardware	Huntsville, AR

Motion made by Commissioner Young to approve these applicants, seconded by Commissioner McDermott. Motion Carried

Mrs. Broach then reintroduced Steve A. Dwyer and Derek A. Dwyer for approval in both Driller and Pump Installer registrations. She stated that no decision was made at the last AWWCC meeting on these two and that Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Jason Marchand, who is to be the Supervisor for both men, were at the meeting to answer any questions the commission had regarding their apprenticeship and supervision.

Various commissioners had questions for Mr. Marchand regarding his ability to supervise. After discussion, Commissioner Young state that Mr. Steve Dwyer and Mr. Derek Dwyer met the requirements for apprenticeship and made a motion to approve these applicants. Commissioner Pender responded that he was going to abstain from voting. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. Motion Carried. A request was made for a roll call vote. After roll call vote, Motion still carried.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

- Illegal Drilling and Pump Installers inspections
 - Baxter Co. – On going
 - Clay Co. – Rig belong to an out of state contractor but was never seen setup drilling.
 - Madison Co.- On going
 - Sebastian Co.- On going
- Rig Inspections
 - Conway Co.- Rig belong to Gullets Well drilling.
 - Franklin Co.- On going
 - Saline Co. – Rig belong to Ken Isbell.
- Contractor Visits
 - Arkansas Co. (3)
 - Baxter Co. (1)
 - Benton Co. (4)
 - Calhoun Co. (1)
 - Clay Co. (1)
 - Chicot Co. (1)
 - Conway Co.(1)
 - Desha Co. (2)
 - Faulkner Co. (2)

- Franklin Co. (1)
- Fulton Co. (1)
- Polk Co. (2)
- Saline Co. (2)
- Sebastian Co. (2)
- Union Co. (1)
- White Co.(1)
- Training/ WW Database
 - We attended a meeting with the environmental health specialist in NW AR to answer question about geothermal wells and proper well abandonment. I also informed them of the possible problem with persons of the real estate industry who are not AR registered pump installer/driller or the landowner breaking the seal of a well. Ask them to let us know of anyone violating the AWWCC rules & Regulations.
 - The water well database has not been functioning properly do to the USGS network problems. The USGS agency is aware and working to fix the problem. They are also aware of the AWWCC using this tool daily and its importance to the contractors and others.
 - Mrs. Jackie Broach and Quin Baber went to see how an irrigation well is drilled.
- Anonymous calls on unlicensed contractors (1)
 - Possibly an illegal driller in NW AR (We are already aware of this and will be inspecting the area.)
- Annual Spring Water level Measurements
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- 155 well reports were entered by staff April-June 4th
- 336 well reports were entered by (46) contractors in April-June 4th

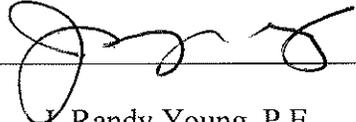
Other Business:

Commissioner McDermott, chairman of the Public Outreach Committee, reported that the Billboards approved by the AWWCC for Mt. Ida and Harrison should be up soon and the committee will be discussing putting up two more billboards for different locations at the next committee meeting. Commissioner Young asked that pictures be taken of the billboards and presented at the next AWWCC meeting.

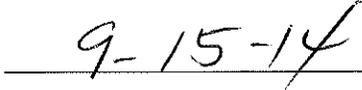
Commissioner Gilbert, Chairman of the Rules and Regulations committee reported there will be forthcoming changes to the Rules and Regulations regarding slabs and seals on irrigation wells; service trucks marked with contractor number; revising wording on Geothermal wells; adopting national standards on testing – Commissioner Pender will make a presentation on this at the next committee meeting; and revamp the apprenticeship and Supervisory requirements.

Both committees will meet before the next AWWCC meeting being held on July 25, 2014.

Meeting adjourned.



J. Randy Young, P.E.
Executive Secretary



Date