**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REGULATION**

**AND CONTROL OF WATER WELL CONTRACTORS**

**(DRILLERS) IN LOUISIANA**

**Meeting Summary**

**February 5, 2020**

**11:00 A.M.**

Prepared by:

The Department of Natural Resources

Office of Conservation

Environmental Division Staff

**Advisory Committee members in attendance:**

Commissioner of Conservation, designee – John Adams

Commissioner of Conservation, Driller at Large – Scott Bergeron

Louisiana Ground Water Association – Herschel Bourque

Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, designee – Patrick Courreges

Secretary of the Department of Health & Hospitals, designee – Johan Forsman

Commissioner of Conservation, Driller at Large – Gary P. Hill

Municipal & Industrial Driller – John Shuman

President of the Louisiana Engineering Society, designee – Roy A. Waggenspack

**Call to Order**

 Herschel Bourque called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

**Review of New Applicants for Louisiana Driller’s License**

The applicants on the agenda were not present but the committee decided to review the applications due to the fact that both candidates were from out of town.

1. The committee reviewed the application for Zachary Racer of Caddo Water American Electric Power. Herschel Bourque made the motion to table the application since one of the two references was not a licensed driller; seconded by Roy Waggenspack. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The committee reviewed the application for Tony Warren of Hawkston LLC. Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the application and to take the test on his arrival; seconded by John Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adoption of the November 6, 2019 Meeting Summary**

John Adams made the motion to accept the meeting summary, seconded by Scott Bergeron. The motion passed unanimously.

**Current Events Update**

* Robert Romero brought to the attention of the committee a situation involving a driller for the Army Corps of Engineers who is applying for a driller’s license. The individual only has one reference with a driller’s license and petitioning the committee to except his application with that one reference. The committee agreed not waive the requirement of the second reference. Environmental – Groundwater will reach out to the candidate to explain the decision and ask for another the second reference.
* Matthew Reonas provided an update on the Green Book. A draft should be completed in the coming weeks and will be made available for review and comments.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were made at this time.

**Date for the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Adjourn**

There being no other business before the Advisory Committee, Herschel Bourque made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Roy Waggenspack. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.