**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REGULATION**

**AND CONTROL OF WATER WELL CONTRACTORS**

**(DRILLERS) IN LOUISIANA**

**Meeting Summary**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2011**

**1:00 P.M.**

Prepared by:

The Department of Natural Resources

Office of Conservation

Environmental Division Staff

**Advisory Committee members in attendance:**

Commissioner of Conservation, designee - John W. Adams

Driller at Large – Scott Bergeron

Louisiana Ground Water Association, Domestic Driller – Herschel L. Bourque

Secretary of the Department of Health & Hospitals, designee – Jake Causey

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

Louisiana Ground Water Association, Industrial Driller – Larry W. La Borde, Chairman

Representative of the United States Geological Survey – John Lovelace

Driller at Large – Michael McGrath

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

**Call to Order**

Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Larry LaBorde, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. with welcoming remarks. The Roll was called and a quorum was established.

**Review of the Summary of the August 11, 2010 Meeting**

Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the meeting summary; seconded by Roy Waggenspack. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Roy Waggenspack to amend the agenda by moving the review of new applicants up to the next item on the agenda in order to allow the applicants to leave at their discretion. The motion was seconded by John Adams and was passed unanimously.

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

1. The application for Roland Clapp of Stearns Drilling Company, a Michigan based company, was reviewed by the Advisory Committee. Herschel Bourque made the motion to approve the application; seconded by Roy Waggenspack. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The application for Robert E. Lockley of Ardaman and Associates was reviewed by the Advisory Committee. Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the application; seconded by Mike McGrath. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The application for Curtis Wayne Wright of Boart Longyear Company was reviewed by the Advisory Committee. The motion to approve the application was made by Mike McGrath and seconded by Roy Waggenspack. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The application for Justin Robinson of All American Drilling was reviewed by the Advisory Committee. The motion to approve the application was made by Herschel Bourque and seconded by John Lovelace. The motion passed unanimously.

John Adams posed the question to the applicants as to whether or not they wanted to take the exam immediately following the meeting or wait until the next day as scheduled. The candidates decided to maintain the existing schedule; therefore, the exam was administered on Thursday, February 10, 2011 as scheduled.

**Open Meeting Law Discussion**

Blake Canfield, Attorney for the Office of Conservation, gave an overview of the Louisiana Open Meeting Law LSA-R.S. 42:11 et seq.

**Driller’s Licensing Application Form revision**

Jeff Jones, Assistant Director of the Environmental Division, discussed the changes to the application for a water well contractor’s driller’s license.

**Public Comments**

There was more discussion on the changes in the rules and regulations for water well drilling. Also discussed were the issues regarding the water well database.

**Date for the Next Meeting**

After discussion the time of future meeting was changed from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. to allow for applicant testing the same day as their applications are approved. The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in the Griffon Room of the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge.

**Adjourn**

There being no other business before the Advisory Committee, Jake Causey moved to adjourn; seconded by Roy Waggenspack which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.