ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF WATER WELL CONTRACTORS (DRILLERS) IN LOUISIANA

Meeting Summary Wednesday, May 11, 2016 12:00 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 Adams Driller, 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 Louisiana Ground Water Association, Municipal & Industrial Driller – Harold Leleux Driller, Louisiana Ground Water Association – Terry Suire President of the Louisiana Engineering Society, designee – Roy A. Waggenspack

Call to Order

Roy Waggenspack, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with welcoming remarks. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

Review of New Applicants for Louisiana Driller's License

- 1. The application for Lester Ehorn of Kelly Dewatering and Construction Company was reviewed by the committee. Harold Leleux made the motion to accept the application and to take the test; seconded by Herschel Bourque. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. The application for Coby Miller of Platinum Well Service was reviewed by the committee. Harold Leleux made the motion to accept the application and to take the test; seconded by Herschel Bourque. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. The application for Michael O'Day of O'Day Drilling was reviewed by the committee. Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the application and to take the test; seconded by Terry Suire. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. The application for William Wallace of Southern Earth Science, Inc. was reviewed by the committee. Harold Leleux made the motion to accept the application and to take the test; seconded by Gary Hill. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. The application for Jasper Pentecost of Triple J Drilling was reviewed by the committee. Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the application and to take the test; seconded by Gary Hill. The motion passed unanimously

Adoption of the February 10, 2016 Meeting Summary

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

Current Events Update

John Adams informed the board of new legislation being discussed involving water wells and processing fees. There was discussion on how fees would be paid if the legislature is no longer providing funding to process application fees. Johan Forsman reviewed DHH's water well permitting process.

Public Comments

William Schramm requested assistance with revising and bringing the Green Book up-to-date. He made the board aware that the State of Louisiana requires geoscientists to be licensed, and advised them to be aware of the laws surrounding this.

Date for the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for **Wednesday**, August 10, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

<u>Adjourn</u>

There being no other business before the Advisory Committee, Herschel Bourque made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Terry Suire. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.