

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

**Meeting Summary
May 1 2024
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, Driller at Large – Scott Bergeron

Ex-O; Commissioner of Conservation – Barlow Holley

Appointed by Governor, Irrigation Driller, Nom of LGWA – Herschel Bourque

LGWA, Domestic Driller – Terry Suire

Office of the Secretary of DNR – Patrick Courreges

Appointed by Commissioner of Conservation, Driller At-Large – Gary Hill

President of the Louisiana Engineering Society, designee – Roy Waggenpack

Ex-O; Department of Health or Designee – Johan Forsman

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Terry Suire. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

Review of New Applicants for Louisiana Driller's License

1. The committee reviewed the application for **Derek Broussard** of Hydro-Environmental Technology Inc. Scott Bergeron made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by Roy Waggenpack. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The committee reviewed the application for **Ivy Babin Jr.** of Squirters Drilling Company LLC. Gary Hill made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by Roy Waggenpack. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The committee reviewed the application for **James Lejeune** of Maxim's Water Well Service Inc. Scott Bergeron made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by Gary Hill. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The committee reviewed the application for **Joseph Cotton** of J&J Cotton Water Well LLC. Roy Waggenpack made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by Scott Bergeron. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The committee reviewed the application for **Wendell Bourque** of Maxim's Water Well Service Inc. Scott Bergeron made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by Roy Waggenpack. The motion passed unanimously.
6. The committee reviewed the application for **Zachary Sherraden** of Griffin Dewatering LLC. Gary Hill made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by Roy Waggenpack. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Roy Schar, Driller – Hardship Appeal on Licensed Driller References

Groundwater staff provided explanation on water well driller Roy Schar's hardship appeal to accept his application without two references. The committee questioned & discussed. A motion was made by Barlow Holley to accept the application, seconded by Scott Bergeron.

Shelby Daniels, Driller – Previously Licensed, Re-Applying For New License

Shelby Daniels, former water well driller, is requesting reinstatement of his driller license. The Office of Conservation provided the Advisory Committee brought the situation to the Advisory Committee to seek recommendation on the reinstatement of the driller license. After discussion with Mr. Daniels the board tabled this matter, and requested that Office of Conservation work with Mr. Daniels to make sure all previous issues have been resolved.

Adoption of the February 2024 Meeting Summary

Scott Bergeron made the motion to accept the meeting summary, seconded Barlow Holley. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of 1st Quarter 2023 Water Well Driller Compliance Issues

Nicholas Kien provided explanation and clarification on frequent issues the Department is having with registrations and compliance to policies.

New Business

No additional new business items were brought up at this time.

Public Comments

No public comments were brought up at this time.

Date for the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Bergeron, seconded by Barlow Holley. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.