

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

**Meeting Summary  
November 6, 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

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

President of the Louisiana Engineering Society, designee – Roy Waggenpack

### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 11:02 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 water well driller application for **Ross Brown**. **Herschel Bourque** 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 water well driller application for **Joseph Cobena**. **Scott Bergeron** made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by **Herschel Bourque**. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The committee reviewed the water well driller application for **Casey Floyd**. **Roy Waggenpack** made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by **Herschel Bourque**. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The committee reviewed the water well driller application for **John May**. **Herschel Bourque** made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by **Roy Waggenpack**. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Driller Review of Exception Request – Scott Russo**

Scott Russo made an Exception Request to LDENR to obtain a driller license. The Committee reviewed his application and drilling history & request to waive time period. Recommend Scott Russo take the test while here and work with LDENR providing documentation of the drilled wells for the period of time.

### **Review of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024 Water Well Driller Compliance Issues**

Nicholas Kien provided an update and explanation on frequent issues the Department is having with registrations and compliance to policies. The numbers of rejections have been lower for this period.

### **New Business**

Barlow Holley, Designee of the Commissioner of Conservation, updated the Advisory Committee of the changes in the agency reorganization.

### **Public Comments**

**Roy Waggenpack** mentioned that he is retiring and stepping down from the board. Roy introduced his replacement from Louisiana Engineering Society, **David Koza**.

### **Date for the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee was scheduled for **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Bergeron, seconded by Roy Waggenpack. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 p.m.