**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REGULATION**

**AND CONTROL OF WATER WELL CONTRACTORS**

**(DRILLERS) IN LOUISIANA**

**Meeting Summary**

**May 5, 2021**

**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

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

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

Appointed by Gov., Irrigation Driller – Herschel Bourque

Apt by Gov., Municipal/Industrial Driller, Nom of LGWA – John Shuman

Domestic Driller, Appointed by Governor – Terry Suire

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

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. 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 Robert Bennett of Bennett Well Service. Terry Suire made the motion to accept the application and to take the test; seconded by Roy Waggenspack. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The committee reviewed the application for Markus Freeman. Roy Waggenspack made the motion to accept the application and to take the test; seconded by Terry Suire. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adoption of the May 5, 2021 Summary**

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

**Driller James Stilley Update**

Jamie Love updated the Committee on driller James Stilley and where DNR-ENV was with receiving & reviewing the missing Water Well Registrations (had received approximately 4 to date). DNR-ENV had received two payments for finds, but still waiting on additional missing registrations.

**New Business**

* Gary Snellgrove addressed and updated the Committee on the Guidance Manual about the response to comments, & final draft to DEQ – waiting on reply to move forward.
* Joel Watson with LGWA updated the Committee about the recent annual convention & speakers.

**Electronic Short Form (DNR-GW-1S) Registration Process**

Gary Snellgrove updated the Committee on the electronic registration to improve efficiency of the water well registration process. Explaining ENV would be starting with the Environmental Drillers and working through the other drillers. Stephen Olivier walked the Committee through the basis of the electronic submittal process & the use of inserting Google Earth image.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments made.

**Date for the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Griffon 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 John Adams. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.