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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection State Well Drillers and Pump Installers Examining and Advisory Board Conference Call Minutes for August 15, 2019

Approved by the Board on September 19, 2019

Board Members Present at NJDEP Headquarters Building: Richard Dalton

Board Members Participating Via Telephone: Joe Yost, Gordon Craig, Joe Pepe, Carol Graff, Richard Dalton, and Steve Domber

Board Members Absent: Art Becker, Gary Poppe, and Jeff Hoffman

NJDEP Water Supply (Bureau of Water Allocation and Well Permitting) Staff Present: Terry Pilawski, Joe Mattle, Steve Reya, and Mark Ortega

1. Call to Order-

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am with a quorum present via telephone. Deputy Attorney General, Jill Denyes, called in as the Board's legal counsel but was advised that the only Board item for consideration during the call was the review of continuing education courses. Since it was anticipated that legal guidance would not be necessary, she then left the call.

2. Continuing Education Course Review-

A table summarizing three (3) courses, along with the supporting documentation, was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for review as they were deemed administratively complete by the Bureau. Below are the three courses and how many continuing education points (CEPs) were requested by the course provider:

National Drilling Association (NDA) 2019 Fall Convention – **NDA – 4 technical CEPs and 2 safety CEPs**

Well Contractor's Workshop – International School of Well Drilling – **11 technical CEPs and 1 safety CEP**

7 Hour New Jersey Water Well Continuing Education Course – All Star Training – 7 technical CEPs

S. Reya discussed comments that were emailed to him from A. Becker about the classes that were under review, due to being unable to participate in the call. A. Becker's email, which was read aloud on the call, noted that he recommended approval of all listed courses listed, but he did not agree with the amount of points that the NDA was requesting. He believed that a total of five (5) points should be awarded to this class: three (3) technical and two (2) safety points. He did not agree that the "Pentagon Search and Recovery" course should be granted any CEP credit as it does not directly relate to the well drilling/pump installation trade. He noted that he had previously taken the Well Contactor's Workshop in the past and said that it was a very well-presented class.

J. Yost said that he agreed with A. Becker's comments. G. Craig noted that the NDA did not request any credit for the exhibit at the convention so perhaps awarding six (6) total credits is still warranted because attendees would also spend time at the exhibit, which is of some educational value. Department staff noted that it would be very hard to track individuals in attendance of the exhibit and that awarding credit for exhibit attendance would set a precedent that they felt was inconsistent with other application requirements in which course providers must track, document and report attendance in order for attendees to receive credit. S. Domber said that he agreed with A. Becker's assessment and that only five (5) points should be given for this course. Due to varying opinions on the amount of points to award to this course, a vote was held:

1. J. Yost – in favor or 6 total points (4 technical and 2 safety)
2. J. Pepe – in favor or 6 total points (4 technical and 2 safety)
3. C. Graff – in favor or 6 total points (4 technical and 2 safety)
4. G. Craig – in favor or 6 total points (4 technical and 2 safety)
5. S. Domber – in favor or 5 total points (3 technical and 2 safety)
6. R. Dalton – in favor or 5 total points (3 technical and 2 safety)

A motion to recommend the approval of the National Drilling Association's 2019 Fall Convention for 6 continuing education points (4 technical and 2 safety) was made by J. Yost, seconded by G. Craig and approved by all except for R. Dalton and S. Domber who were opposed.

A motion to recommend the approval of the International School of Well Drilling's Well Contractor's Workshop for 12 continuing education points (11 technical and 1 safety) was made by J. Yost, seconded by C. Graff and approved unanimously.

C. Graff departed the call at 10:20 but noted that she believes the final course should be approved for credit.

A motion to recommend the approval of All Star Training's 7 Hour New Jersey Water Well Continuing Education Course for 7 continuing education points (7 technical) was made by G. Craig, seconded by S. Domber and approved unanimously.

3. Adjournment-

Having no further licensing or continuing education business to address, the Board ended the call at 10:22 am.