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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection State Well Drillers and Pump Installers Examining and Advisory Board Conference Call Minutes for December 16, 2021

Approved by the Board on January 20, 2022

Board Members Present at NJDEP Headquarters Building: N/A

Board Members Participating Via Telephone: Art Becker (Chairman), Gary Poppe (Vice-Chairman), Joe Yost, Gordon Craig, Jeff Hoffman, Steve Domber, Richard Dalton, Eric Hoffmann

Board Members Absent: Dave Lyman

Board Legal Representative Present: N/A

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

Members of the Public: N/A

1. Call to Order-

The meeting was called to order at 9:39 am with a quorum present via telephone. Notice of the meeting and instructions on how to participate by phone were listed on the Department's website.

2. Review and Certification of the November 18, 2021 Conference Call Minutes-

A motion to approve the draft minutes from November 18, 2021 as written was made by G. Poppe, seconded by J. Yost, and approved unanimously.

3. Licensing-

Review of License Applicant

A. Becker asked if there was any discussion needed for the one license applicant, Mr. Michael Grasso, who applied for a Pump Installer License.

License Type	Applicant Name	Employer
Pump Installer	Michael L. Grasso	Robbins Water Service

A motion to approve the one pump installer for licensure was made by G. Craig. This motion was seconded by G. Poppe and approved unanimously.

4. New Items/Comments from the Public-

S. Reya informed the Board that the Department would be setting up future Board conference calls with Microsoft Teams. Using Microsoft Teams, the Board and Department will be able to meet via phone, camera phone, or on their computers. This will allow for video calls but will also have a phone number for people to call in who do not have the technology to use the video features. Phone numbers will be emailed to the Board with the agenda and will be posted on the Board's website for members of the public to join the calls.

S. Reya said that there would be a guest speaker for the upcoming January meeting, which is scheduled to be held on January 20, 2022. He said that Mr. Nicholas Toth, of the New Jersey Department of Labor, would be speaking about grant opportunities for drilling companies. Mr. Toth had expressed interest meeting with the Board and potentially the New Jersey Ground Water Association to discuss grants and future training opportunities.

A. Becker discussed a meeting that he recently attended during the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) Groundwater Week. He discussed potential changes to the Certified Well Driller process and training opportunities through the NGWA University. A. Becker praised NGWA for the accessibility of courses, especially to younger people who are looking to enter the industry.

5. Adjournment-

A. Becker thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

At 9:51 am, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by G. Poppe, seconded by J. Hoffman, and approved unanimously.