

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

**Meeting Summary
Wednesday, November 14, 2012
12:00 P.M.**

Prepared by:

The Department of Natural Resources

Office of Conservation

Environmental Division Staff

Advisory Committee members in attendance:

Commissioner of Conservation, designee - John W. Adams

Driller at Large – Scott Bergeron

Department of Health and Hospitals – Jake Causey

United States Geological Survey representative – John K. Lovelace

Driller at Large – Michael McGrath

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

Call to Order

Roy Waggenpack, Vice Chairman of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. with welcoming remarks. The Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Review of New Applicants for Louisiana Driller's License

1. The application for Raymond Sturdivant of Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. was tabled due to Mr. Sturdivant's absence.
2. The application for Arthur J. Simon of ERSO, Inc. was reviewed by the Advisory Committee. Scott Bergeron made the motion to accept the application; seconded by Mike McGrath. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The application for Jason C. Parks of Goldman Equipment, LLC was reviewed by the Advisory Committee. Scott Bergeron made the motion to accept the application; seconded by Jake Causey. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The application for Arlin Keith Barge of R B Environmental was reviewed by the Advisory Committee. Jake Causey made the motion to table the application pending verification by LDNR staff as to the status of the license under Universal Drilling Service of Texas, WWC # 713. John Lovelace seconded the motion which passed unanimously. LDNR staff verified that Universal went out of business. Mike McGrath made the motion to waive the three (3) year testing requirement and approved the application; seconded by Roy Waggenpack which passed unanimously.
5. The application for Robert Morgan of Great Southern Engineering, Inc. was reviewed by the Advisory Committee. Scott Bergeron made the motion to accept the application; seconded by Mike McGrath. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the August 8, 2012 Meeting Summary

John Adams made the motion to accept the meeting summary and was seconded by John Lovelace. The motion passed unanimously.

Current Events Update

John Adams informed the members of the committee of the November 20, 2012 Louisiana Register rule change which requires the well driller to verify with the well owner that the 60-day notification was approved by LDNR.

Roy Waggenpack led a discussion pertaining to the categorization of water wells when the well is used for more than one purpose. The recommendation of the committee was to apply the more stringent standard when two options exist and in the event of uncertainty, contact the agency prior to construction for determinations on a case by case basis.

Election of 2013 Officers

Roy Waggenpack made the motion to elect Scott Bergeron Chairman of the advisory committee for 2013. Jake Causey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jake Causey made the motion to elect Roy Waggenpack the Vice-Chairman of the advisory committee for 2013. Scott Bergeron seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Discussion Question – Currently, the Advisory Committee reviews new companies set up by currently licensed drillers and changes of contact person to a currently licensed company. Should this practice continue or should the Agency issue licenses without review by the Advisory Committee?

Roy Waggenpack made the motion that in the future there be an agenda item which gives a synopsis of changes in contacts in order to keep the committee informed. Scott Bergeron seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Harold Lelieux of the Louisiana Ground Water Association announced that the LGWA will sponsor a one day event on January 8, 2013 at the Parragon Casino in Marksville for water well drillers to obtain six (6) hours of continuing education credits.

Tony Duplechin, Director of the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission, gave a brief history of the salt-water intrusion issues in the Baton Rouge Area.

Staff announced that the Office of Conservation will host a one day symposium in Friday, February 1, 2013 for science teachers to learn about aquifers and the issues specific to the Capitol Area ground water concerns. This event will commence the “Water-Wise in BR” campaign.

Date for the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. in the Griffon Room of the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge.

Adjourn

There being no other business before the Advisory Committee, Jake Causey moved to adjourn; seconded by Mike McGrath which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.