



Missouri  
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## **MISSOURI WELL INSTALLATION BOARD MEETING**

**July 31, 2012**

**Missouri Department of Natural Resources**

**Division of Geology and Land Survey**

**Director's Office Conference Room**

**111 Fairgrounds Road**

**Rolla, Mo.**

### **OPEN MINUTES**

A special conference call meeting of the Well Installation Board was held on July 31, 2012, at the Division of Geology and Land Survey, Rolla, Mo. A quorum being present, Mr. Danny Flynn, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Joe Gillman

**Board Members Participating Via Conference Call:** Mr. Danny Flynn, Chairman; Mr. Fred Schoen, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Robert Broz; Mr. Robert Lawrence; Ms. Annetta St. Clair

**Board Members Absent:** Ms. Sharlene Morgan

**Legal Counsel Present:** Mr. Don Willoh

**Guests Participating Via Conference Call:** None

**DNR Staff Present:** Mr. Jerry Prewett and Ms. Sheri Fry

### **INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Flynn welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself. He asked the Board to introduce themselves, followed by staff and the audience.

### **OVERVIEW & DISCUSSION OF CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 12-08**

The Chair recognized Mr. Joe Gillman who gave an overview of Executive Order 12-08 which authorized the Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission to implement an emergency cost share program for water source development and/or distribution to assist landowners engaged in livestock or crop production adversely impacted by the current

drought. Mr. Gillman informed the Board of the criteria put in place to implement the order by, and processes by which applicants may apply for assistance through their local Soil and Water Districts. The total funds made available are \$7 million and the application deadline is August 6, 2012; wells must be drilled and producing within a sixty (60) day timeframe from the landowners' approval.

## **STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT DRILLING/PUMP RELATED WORK**

Mr. Gillman gave an overview of staff's assessment of the current status of the drilling industry in Missouri. Discussion followed as to whether or not resources will be available to drill wells north of the Missouri river. Other topics discussed were the recent press release by the Missouri Attorney General's Office regarding price gouging and driller's travel expense to drill in other areas of the state.

## **OPTIONS AT THE STATE LEVEL**

Mr. Gillman stated the director of the Department of Natural Resources asked to remind the Board that the governor has the authority to suspend rules during a state of emergency. The department director asked the Board to consider options to enhance the efficiency of drilling of these wells.

## **ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND REQUESTS**

## **BOARD DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS**

The Board discussed options for allowing drillers who currently hold another type of drilling permit, but previously held a water well drilling permit, to be allowed temporary permission to drill water wells during the 60 day time period of order 12-08. Ms. St. Clair moved for staff to take immediate steps to allow formerly permitted water well contractors that are in good standing, and currently hold a heat pump and/or monitoring well permit, to drill water wells in the state during the emergency period. Mr. Broz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed allowing apprentices to be allowed to drill wells during the 60 day period set by order 12-08 without restriction. The Board decided not to take action on other permit types at this time.

The Chair acknowledged that agenda items were not followed in order of the agenda and asked Mr. Gillman if all items were covered. Mr. Gillman acknowledged agenda items were covered during discussion. Final discussion included certification of wells, possible issuance of a press release regarding the motion and notification of the motion to the Missouri Water Well Association.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The Board agreed to meet before the next regularly scheduled meeting if staff sees the need. Otherwise, the next meeting date will be in August.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fred Schoen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Annetta St. Clair seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.