



**MINUTES OF THE
WELL INSTALLATION BOARD MEETING
Monett Chamber of Commerce
Community Room
200 E. Broadway St.
Monett, MO 65708**

September 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Well Installation Board was held September 6, 2019, at the Monett Chamber of Commerce in Monett, Mo. A quorum being present, Chairman Danny Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Danny Flynn, Vice-Chairman Bob Broz, Mr. Fred Schoen, Mr. Neal Farrar, Mr. Lindell Lindsey.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Joe Gillman and Ms. Sharlene Morgan.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Ross Keeling, Assistant Attorney General.

Staff Present: Mr. Kyle Rollins, Ms. Amber Steele, Ms. Connie Edwards, Mr. Brad Mitchell, and Ms. Katelyn Kane.

Guests Present: Mr. Sean Dodel, Mr. Jake Freeman, Ms. Sandra Schoen, Ms. Marcus Schoen, Mr. Parker Schoen, Mr. John Fryer, Mr. Patty Fryer, Ms. Pam Schoen, Mr. Phil Schoen, Mr. Dave Schnell, Mr. Josh Schnell, Mr. Richard Linebaugh.

INTRODUCTION

Chair Flynn welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself and asked the remaining Board members to introduce themselves, followed by staff and the audience.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2019, MINUTES

The Chairman asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the May 17, 2019, meeting. Mr. Schoen offered a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Broz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DNR REPORTS AND UPDATES

The Chairman recognized Ms. Amber Steele, Geological Survey Director, Missouri Geological Survey, who gave a program update on the Show Me Challenge WIMS 2.0 project, and the Department's new website. Due to Mr. Schoen previously submitting his resignation to the Board stating this meeting would be his last meeting as a member, Ms. Steele presented the Governor's Proclamation and a plaque to Mr. Schoen honoring him for his service to the Well

Installation Board. Mr. Rollins expressed his appreciation and presented Mr. Schoen with the issue of the *Connection* newsletter that announced his appointment to the Board. Recognition and appreciation was expressed to Mr. Schoen by staff and the public for his service on the Board.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Kyle Rollins, Well Installation Section Chief, updated the Board on the following items: staff updates, rule updates and impact areas, electronic delivery messages, permit renewals, *Connection* newsletter, fiscal year-end numbers, and the Groundwater Fund update. The Groundwater Protection Fund fees will not be increased for fiscal year 2020. In fiscal year 2019, the Well Installation Section received and completed the follow: 134 variances, 140 casing depth requests, 235 sunshine requests, 6,251 incoming calls, 4,214 outgoing calls, 3,149 incoming email messages, 10,554 pieces of mail, 69 educational presentations, 118 compliance assistance visits, 98 administrative cases assigned, 100 administrative resolved, 141 administrative Letters of Warning (LOW) issued, 1,542 permits issued and renewed, 18 field cases assigned, 20 field cases resolved, 24 field LOWs issued, 319 heat pump pre-notifications received, 8 heat pump pre-notifications witnessed, 12 permit pre-notifications received, 8 permit pre-notifications witnessed, 37 tests administered, 74 tests completed online, 161 dead record investigations, 38 dead records certified, 25 lost well sites inspected, 55 wells reported lost or destroyed, and 1 well found to exist that was reported lost. The Section received the following records; 2,735 water well, 1,369 pump, 1,346 monitoring well, 538 heat pump, 2,092 plugging, 72 reconstruction, and 65 public water supply notifications. FY19 online forms received include: 205 water well, 278 pump, 7 reconstruction, 37 heat pump, 368 monitoring well, 409 plugging, and 445 permit renewals.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman called for new business. Mr Schoen recommended people contact his brother or son for heat pump needs. There was no other new business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Flynn addressed the issue of the Indian Hills variance brought before the Board at the May meeting. Based on Missouri State Law, variances can be granted and anyone has the right to drill a private well. The Board cannot regulate if a landowner can drill a well. Mr. Keeling stated under Section 640.648, RSMo, the land owner has a right, provided within compliance with local laws and ordinances, to drill their own well. The landowner shall not be forced to purchase water from any other source. Chair Flynn stated it is the Board's goal to do what is best for the groundwater of Missouri. If a variance is given, strict guidelines must be followed.

Chair Flynn requested Mr. Rollins address the Board in regard to Sunbelt Environmental's regulatory concern brought to the Board at the May meeting. The concerned party proposed the expansion of Drilling Area number 9 to include all of Christian Co. Mr. Rollins presented maps developed, from a study, with data received on well records over the last 30 years. As a result of the study, it appears it will not be beneficial to extend Drilling Area 9.

Chair Flynn requested Mr. Rollins address the Board in regard to the Heat Pump Tracer Wire Summary, an issue brought to the Board at the May meeting. Mr. Rollins stated staff spoke with three states and 11 businesses in regard to this issue and found that half of the businesses are

already installing it. Chair Flynn expressed adding tracing wire to the construction standards would be beneficial and recommending staff start rulemaking for this change. Mr. Lindsey made a motion to move forward with incorporating rules for tracer wire in the installation of geothermal well fields. Mr. Broz seconded. Motion carried.

OPEN COMMENT SESSION

There were no comments.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next board meeting will be held Fri., Nov. 1, 2019, at the Missouri Geological Survey.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Schoen moved that the Well Installation Board meet in closed session at the next regular board meeting for the purpose of discussing matters protected from disclosure by law as provided for in Section 610.021, RSMo., including but not limited to: legal actions, pending litigation, and attorney-client privileged matters with the Board's attorney. Mr. Lindsey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Broz, yes, Mr. Lindsey, yes; Mr. Farrar, yes, Mr. Schoen, yes, Chair Flynn, yes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Broz moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lindsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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