Minutes Well Contractors Certification Commission Meeting

November 2, 2021, 10:00 AM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Well Contractors Certification Commission was called to order on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 at 10:06 AM at virtually via MS Teams with Chairman Todd Muench presiding. The following persons were in attendance for the meeting:

Commission Members
Justin Barefoot (absent)
David Brown
Chris Deal (absent)
Laura Honeycutt
Doug McVey (absent)
Todd Muench
Doug Young

WCC Staff
Andrew Morgan

DHHS Staff Wilson Mize Jon Fowlkes

<u>Legal Staff</u> John Barkley

Guest None

I. Preliminary Matters

- (1) Chairman Todd Muench called the meeting to order and requested cellular telephones be silenced.
- (2) Chairman Muench then read the NC State Government Ethics Act which mandates that the Chairman inquire as to whether any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to matters before the Commission. The Chairman asked if any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict. No conflict of interest noted.
- (3) A roll call was taken to verify a quorum

- (4) The chairman also read a statement on the purpose of the Well Contractors Certification Commission: (Article 7A-Well Contractors Certification, G.S. 87-98.3). **Purpose:** It is the purpose of this Commission to protect the public health and safety by ensuring the integrity and competence of well contractors, to protect and beneficially develop the groundwater resources of the State, to require the examination of well contractors and the certification of their competency to supervise or conduct well contractor activity, and to establish procedures for the examination and certification of well contractors.
- (5) Notation of Any Revisions or Additions to the Agenda None

II. Action Items

(1) Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the August 10, 2021 meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Honeycutt made a motion to approve the August 10, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(2) 2022 WCCC meetings

Chairman Muench addressed meeting dates in 2022. The Chairman proposed February 1, May 3, September 13, and November 8, 2022 as meeting dates for the WCCC. With no objections the proposal was accepted.

(3) Contacting Legislature about Independence

Chairman Muench stated he was given the email address for Mr. Darrell Malcolm in Senator Berger's office by Phillip Berger, Jr. Vice-Chairman Honeycutt read the email she sent to Senator Berger's office the previous week. Mr. Barkley advised the verbiage should state the WCCC wants to become independent from any State department. Commissioner Young informed the WCCC he has been in contact with an individual in Fayetteville who serves on the Council of Governors and is working through him with the Governor's office.

III. Information Items

(1) Staff Report

The staff report was presented by Drew Morgan, for activities that occurred from August 2021 to October 2021:

1) Exam Reviews	6
2) Exams	25
3) Field Observations	3
4) Civil Penalty Assessments	1

Commissioner Young has volunteered to assist with the December 9, 2021 written examination in Raleigh, NC.

(2) Review Committee Report

Commissioner Brown presented the Review Committee report for meetings held in August, September and October 2021. The Review Committee has reviewed 11 applications for certification level A, 2 for level B, 14 for level C and 1 for level D. The Committee also reviewed 3 continuing education courses for pre-approval.

(3) Ethics Update

Mr. Barkley reminded the Commissioners to complete their Ethics Training when due.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

Commission Meeting – Feb. 1, 2022 @ 10am, 400 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC

Review Committee – Dec. 9, 2021 @ 10:00am, at 501 Millstone Dr., Hillsborough, NC

Budget Committee – Jan. ??, 2022, Greensboro, NC

V. Adjournment

With no further business or comments from Commission or Staff, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Morgan, REHS WCC Staff

Approved by WCCC:

Todd C. Muench, NCWC

Chairman, Well Contractors Certification Commission

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