

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

**Meeting Summary
Wednesday, November 13, 2013
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

Driller, Louisiana Ground Water Association – Herschel Bourque

Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, designee, - Patrick Courreges

United States Geological Survey representative – John K. Lovelace

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

Call to Order

Scott Bergeron, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:00 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 Christopher Mitchell of Clear Water Construction, LLC was reviewed by the committee. Roy Waggenpack made the motion to accept the application; seconded by Herschel Bourque. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The application for James Davis of Environmental Management Services was reviewed by the committee. Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the application; seconded by Roy Waggenpack. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The application for Scott Lowrey of Layne Christensen Company was reviewed by the committee. Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the application; seconded by John Lovelace. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The application for Jace A. Rawls of Layne Christensen Company was reviewed by the committee. The motion to accept the application was made by Herschel Bourque; seconded by Roy Waggenpack. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the May 8, 2013 Meeting Summary

Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the meeting summary; seconded by John Lovelace. The motion passed unanimously. A quorum was not obtained for the August 2013 meeting; therefore, no summary was necessary.

Current Events Update

Matt Reonas gave an update on the progress of the report due to the Louisiana Legislature in February 2014 regarding the water well drillers. He reported that the number of licensed water well drillers has remained consistent over the last ten years. The drilling of domestic wells has dropped dramatically in the last ten years. Roy Waggenpack reported that last week the Department of Health and Hospitals issued an Emergency Order regarding chlorine levels in ground water which will increase water testing by 25% and impact all water users. Office of Conservation staff reported on the change in the LDNR GW-1 Long Form which now has a blank line for the GWR-01 prior notification form. Herschel Bourque discussed the expired terms on the committee.

Election of Officers for 2014

Herschel Bourque nominated John Lovelace for Chairman; seconded by Scott Bergeron. The motion passed unanimously. Herschel Bourque made the motion to nominate Patrick Courreges for Vice-Chairman; seconded by Roy Waggenpack. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Roy Waggenpack informed the committee that Coca Cola Bottling Company sold their property on Airline and I-12 to COSTCO. The water well on the property had not been plugged during the demolition of the building and the well was knocked over. Office of Conservation staff reported that the matter is currently under investigation by the Office of Conservation.

Date for the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19, 2014** 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, Herschel Bourque made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Roy Waggenpack. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.