House Bill 18

Greeting from your Area 2 Director,

HB0018 was pushed through faster than anticipated. On Monday, January 21st, our Executive Director, Jade Slaymaker, informed the board that HB0018 would be in front of the House Ag Committee at 8AM on Tuesday morning. Upon hearing this update Aaron Wilson, Cody Smith, Gary Smith, and I each dropped what we were doing to make our treks across the state to Cheyenne. Despite busy schedules and poor driving conditions, we all made it a priority to be present at this meeting to ensure our industry had representation.

Representative Barlow gave a short, unenthusiastic presentation on this bill, and left hastily thereafter before hearing any comment from other government entities or the public. Pat Tyrell of the State Engineer’s Office spoke first in opposition of HB0018. I followed next, and I have included a copy of the information I delivered to the members of the Ag Committee. Aaron Wilson then presented the letter against HB0018 from the WGWA and answered questions posed by the committee. Finally, Cody Smith gave a strong statement to conclude the public comment.

After hearing our statements and gaining accurate insight, the committee immediately killed HB0018. The now well-informed committee members were surprised that a bill like this was ever put before them. They were very much unaware of the issues this bill could cause in our industry not to mention how detrimental it Contractor’s Board. (Continued on page 2)
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The most pressing take away I have from this situation is the overwhelming concern that this bill, which was created without the input of the members of the WGWA, the Contractor’s Board, or the joint committee, could have potentially passed had it not been for the fact-based opposition willing to speak out.

The manner in which this bill was introduced should make us all feel uneasy. I personally made attempts to contact Rep. Barlow and Sen. Hicks regarding HB0018 prior to the Ag Committee meeting; however, I received no response from either of them. We narrowly caught this piece of legislation in time. I strongly urge that we all be highly aware of any future legislation in the works that could affect our industry. I adamantly encourage everyone to be in contact with their representatives and senators. Be well-informed, present fact, and speak accurately with confidence.

Respectfully,
Wes Moody, All Around Drilling
Area 2 Director

**Wes’s letter to the Ag Committee is attached to the email.**
The WGWA has awarded five scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year.

Congratulations!

Cade Zupan—Thermopolis
Laura Halley—Torrington
Emi Glass—Torrington
Emma Jay—Hulett
Nolan Turner—Upton

Election Winners (left to right): R.W. Riehemann – Vice President, Wes Moody – Area 2, Travis Hueller – Area 5, Matt Bebout – President, Kevin Dover – Area 1
David Henrich, NGWA Past President, giving a presentation on Ground Source Heat Pumps.
Left: Kerry Cooper, C & C Bit Service, receiving the Al Eller Award

Right: Leroy Christensen was presented with the Legacy Award.

Congratulations to the 2019 Raffle Winners!

Matt Jaeger—Shotgun
Grant Christensen—Rifle
Brad Twiss—Processed Pig

NGWA Reimbursements
R.W. Riehemann
Mike Brogan
Kevin Dover
Danielle Dover
Kurt Price

Free Vendor booth
Xylem - Goulds Water Solutions
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