The Ground Water Quality Control Board for Shelby County met on June 26, 2019, at the Bartlett City Hall Annex, located at 6382 Stage Road. Tim Herndon, Chairperson of the Ground Water Quality Control Board, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Timothy Herndon made a motion for approval of the June 26, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Chris Max and passed unanimously.

An appeal by Tommy Pruitt, a resident of Shelby County, Tennessee, was presented to the board requesting that the GWQCB grant an appeal for a water well to be constructed for irrigation usage at 9835 Moose Road located in Millington, Tennessee. The application was rejected because MLGW has verified that a water main exists along Moose Road which can supply adequate water to the site and cannot be permitted as outlined in the Shelby County Well Construction Code Section – 3.03, 4.01 and 12.01 (A).

The appellant represented himself at the appeal. At the hearing the appellant as well as Shelby County Health Department provided testimony and/or other evidence as concerning the appeal to the Board. Each Board member was provided data by the Shelby County Health Department and Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division that a water main exists along Moose Road which can supply adequate water to the site. The main reason for the appeal was a financial need for the well.

Before the decision of the Board there was a discussion among the Board Members. After the discussion, the Board decided to uphold the denial of a well by the Department and the Board arrived at this decision on the following basis:

1. There is a water main on Moose Road which can supply adequate water to the site so public water is accessible to the site.
2. A well cannot be approved for the site since public water service is available as outlined in Section 4.01 (E) and 4.02 (B) of the Shelby County well construction Code.
A motion to uphold the construction permit denial for an irrigation/lake level retention well for 9835 Moose Road was made by Mike Sorensen and Chris Max seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of upholding the well denial were:

Quinton Clark  
Chris Max  
David McCray  
Richard Mills  
Mike Sorensen  

Those voting in favor of granting the well were:

Alisa Haushalter  
Christopher Morrical  

Tim Herndon, Chairperson abstained from the vote. The vote was 5 to 2 to uphold the permit denial for a well off 9835 Moose Road.

An appeal by Hunter McFarlin, a resident of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was presented to the board requesting that the GWQCB grant an appeal for a water well to be constructed for irrigation usage at 7856 Armour Road located in Millington, Tennessee. The application was rejected because MLGW has verified that a water main exists along Armour Road which can supply adequate water to the site and cannot be permitted as outlined in the Shelby County Well Construction Code Section – 3.03, 4.01 and 12.01 (A).

The appellant represented himself at the appeal. At the hearing the appellant as well as Shelby County Health Department provided testimony and/or other evidence as concerning the appeal to the Board. Each Board member was provided data by the Shelby County Health Department and Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division that a water main exists along Armour Road which can supply adequate water to the site. The main reason for the appeal was that public water would affect the quality of the product and this is the reason for the well.

Before the decision of the Board there was a discussion among the Board Members. After the discussion, the Board decided to grant the well for crop irrigation and the Board arrived at this decision on the following basis:

1. Ground water is better than public water to irrigate the hemp product off 7856 Armour Road.
2. A reduced pressure device must be installed on the well as a backflow prevention device used to protect the water supplied to the site from contamination.

A motion to grant the construction permit for an irrigation well at 7856 Armour Road was made by Mike Sorensen and Alisa Haushalter seconded the motion.
The motion had an amendment added to it by Richard Mills seconded by Quinton Clark that stated for the well approval that an inclusion explanation that the appellant submit a letter to the SCHD with greater specificity than in the letter from Noel Currier to describe what component is bad for the hemp crop and irrigation system. The amendment was accepted as part of the original motion by Mike Sorensen and Alisa Haushalter.

Those voting in favor of the appeal to allow a water well at 7856 Armour Road were:

- Quinton Clark
- Alisa Haushalter
- Chris Max
- David McCray
- Richard Mills
- Christopher Morrical
- Mike Sorensen

Tim Herndon, Chairperson abstained from the vote. The vote was 7-0 to grant the appeal for a well off 7856 Armour Road.

With no further business to be conducted by the Board a motion was made by Christopher Morrical and seconded by David McCray to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Members present:

- Tim Herndon, Chairperson
- Quinton Clark
- Alisa Haushalter, Director Shelby County Health Department
- Chris Max
- David McCray
- Richard Mills
- Christopher Morrical
- Mike Sorensen

Members Absent:

- Nancy Brannon
- Karen Ellis
- Angela Reeder
Others present:

Bob Rogers, Technical Secretary GWQCB
Greg Parker, Liaison GWQCB
Kasia Alexander, Shelby County Health Department (SCHD)
Ward Archer, Protect Our Aquifer
Jack Carmichael, USGS
Hunter McFarlin
Maryedith McFarlin
Tommy Pruitt
Larry Smith, Shelby County Health Department (SCHD)
Sarah Wright