

# MINUTES

## OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 11, 2013  
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street  
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

### I. Roll Call

#### Members Present:

Brian A Barrett  
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman  
Brian Feyerherm  
David W. Miller, Chairman  
Christopher P. Reed  
Terry Salem

#### Members Absent:

Amy L. Schaap

#### Others Present:

Robert Horan, City of Omaha Planning Department  
Reid Steinkraus, Douglas County Health Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

### II. Approval of Minutes from August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Motion by Mr. Salem to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Mr. Reed

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

ABSTAIN: Estabrook

Motion carried 5-0-1

### III. \*Examination Reviews

Shane M Farley  
5326 N 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Omaha NE 68110

Vincentini Plumbing  
2308 S 16<sup>th</sup> St  
Omaha NE 68108-3948

Joshua D Huston  
19416 X St  
Omaha NE 68135

Dave Janke Plumbing Inc  
15013 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

Christopher P Morrison  
2110 Avenue D  
Council Bluffs IA 51501

Plumbers Local 16  
4801 F St  
Omaha NE 68117

Tony M Reed  
8725 N 52<sup>nd</sup> Av  
Omaha NE 68152

Clayton Zaugg  
713 S Elm St  
Mead NE 68041

Eco Water Systems  
420 N H St  
Omaha NE 68025

#### IV. \*Approval of Apprenticeship Programs

13-8-104  
Lundvall Plumbing Inc  
23050 Norris Av  
Glenwood IA 51534

REQUEST: Approval of apprenticeship program  
49-244

**8/28/2013:**

The Board received a request to hold this case over to the next meeting.

Motion to hold case over to September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

**9/11/2013:**

Dain Lundvall appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion to approve by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

13-9-112  
Backlund Plumbing Co.  
6215 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68106

REQUEST: Approval of apprenticeship program  
49-244

Mark Roseland appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application for renewal of Backlund Plumbing's apprenticeship program.

Motion to approve by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

### **\*Apprenticeship Agreements**

Lucas B Bird  
1110 Marshall Av Apt B12  
Council Bluffs IA 51503

Lundvall Plumbing Inc  
23050 Norris Av  
Glenwood IA 51534

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Motion to hold case over to September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

#### **9/11/2013:**

Mr. Bird was not present. Dain Lundvall of Lundvall reported that Mr. Bird has left his company.

Motion to file by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

Ian T Yates  
105 S Hazel St Apt 1  
Glenwood IA 51534

Lundvall Plumbing Inc  
23050 Norris Av  
Glenwood IA 51534

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Motion to hold case over to September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

**9/11/2013:**

Ian Yates appeared before the Board with Dain Lundvall of Lundvall Plumbing. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that the application was missing the required payroll summaries as proof of requested start date. In response to the Board's question, Mr. Lundvall stated that he would have these sent to the Board Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of July 9, 2012, with the stipulation that payroll summaries be forwarded to the Board Secretary as proof of said start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

Alfredo M Hernandez Jr  
4882 Robin Hill Dr  
Omaha NE 68106

Backlund Plumbing Co  
6215 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68106

Alfredo Hernandez appeared before the Board. and commented that the application was missing the required payroll summaries as proof of requested start date. In response to the Board's question, Mr. Roseland stated that he would have these sent to the Board Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of June 3, 2013, with the stipulation that payroll summaries be forwarded to the Board Secretary as proof of said start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

Nathan J Kostka  
346 Westplain Rd  
Gretna NE 68028

Kostka Plumbing  
420 Bryan St  
Gretna NE 68028

Nathan Kostka appeared before the Board with Frank Kostka of Kostka Plumbing. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion to approve with a start date of January 13, 2012 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

**V. \*Cases**

13-9-114

Christopher Griffith  
3011 S 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Omaha NE 68108

REQUEST: Request for temporary Master Plumber License

49-213

Christopher Griffith of Morehead Plumbing appeared before the Board. Mr. Griffith requested a temporary Master Plumber license due to the departure of Morehead Plumbing's master plumber. Mr. Horan stated that the Plumbing Division had no objection to the requested temporary license.

Motion to grant Christopher Griffith a temporary Master Plumber license for the term of one year from today's date by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

13-9-115

Thompson Plumbing Co  
14909 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

REQUEST: Request for temporary Master Plumber License

49-213

Zach Dice of Thompson Plumbing Company appeared before the Board. Mr. Dice requested a temporary Master Plumber license due to the death of their master plumber.

Motion to grant Zach Dice a temporary Master Plumber license for the term of one year from today's date by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

13-9-116

Aaron Lee  
4911 Pinkney St  
Omaha NE 68104

REQUEST: Request for reactivation of expired journeyman plumber license.

49-212

Aaron Lee appeared before the Board. Mr. Lee did not pay for his license renewal before the yearly deadline. In response to Mr. Miller's question, the Board Secretary confirmed that Mr. Lee is current on his continuing education hours.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to reinstate license subject to required quad fee. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

13-9-117  
James & Paula Blackledge  
15223 Newport Av  
Omaha NE 68116

REQUEST: Waiver to allow installation of a private well for domestic and irrigation.

Location: 7716 N 209<sup>th</sup> Cr Elkhorn  
49-1510

Paula Blackledge, property owner, appeared before the Board. Neither the Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD) nor the Douglas County Health Department registered any objection to the proposed waiver.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve a private well for domestic and lawn irrigation use only at 7716 N 209<sup>th</sup> Circle. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

13-9-118  
Ted Pelster  
Pelster Construction  
15907 Josephine  
Omaha NE 68136

REQUEST: Waiver of section 49-636 as regards drinking fountains

Location: 1809 N 169<sup>th</sup> Plaza  
49-636

Mr. Estabrook recused himself and appeared before the Board for Ted Pelster. Mr. Estabrook explained that the property in question is a small office building. The Board reviewed plans of the building, noting that there is a permanent sink in the break room; the break room refrigerator also dispenses water from the door.

Motion to approve by Mr. Salem. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

ABSTAIN: Estabrook

Motion carried 5-0-1.

13-9-119  
Jason Yuhasz  
3940 SW Nottingham Rd  
Topeka KS 66610

REQUEST: Waiver of required grease interceptor in a commercial kitchen

Location: 1904 N 168<sup>th</sup> St  
49-1104

Jason Yuhasz of Marco's Pizza appeared before the Board. Mr. Yuhasz submitted plans for the proposed pizza restaurant. In response to Mr. Miller's question, the Board Secretary confirmed that Mr. Yuhasz recently received a waiver for a grease interceptor (see minutes from January 23, 2013) from the Plumbing Board; she added that today's waiver request is for a second location currently under construction.

Mr. Yuhasz stated that the restaurant has no fryers. All meats are pre-cooked and the pizza pans are wiped down between uses. The business is carry-out and delivery only. Mr. Estabrook protested that there were several Little Cesar pizza restaurants recently constructed in town that were required to install grease interceptors. Mr. Reed commented that the Board has granted many waivers of grease interceptors in carry-out pizza restaurants, provided that they are not frying items and do not introduce grease into the sewers through dirty pots and pans.

Mr. Reed asked Mr. Horan whether he was aware of any complaints from the Public Works Department in regards to grease as a result of the Board's decision to grant waivers to such operations in the past. Mr. Horan replied that he was not aware of any such complaint. He added that he had spoken to Mr. Wonder, the Chief Plumbing Inspector, regarding Mr. Yuhasz' application for a waiver today. Mr. Wonder had told him that the Plumbing Division had no objection to today's waiver as this business should not have any grease-laden waste. Mr. Barrett stated that the Board has chosen to grant waivers for pizza restaurants in the past, sometimes stipulating that the applicant cannot change their menu to introduce grease-producing items.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve requested waiver of a grease interceptor for this business at this location only, with the stipulation that the menu may not change to include anything that would require grease for preparation, or would require greasy pots and pans to be washed. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

## VI. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewal

Chad Miller  
Derrel J White

M&K Plumbing  
Mr Rooter Plumbing

Completed  
Metro

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the above-listed apprentices. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0.

**VII. Discussion**

- The Board discussed recently submitted paperwork for an apprentice. Following discussion, they asked the Board Secretary to draft a letter to said apprentice requesting additional information in regards to his work hours.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm

**\* = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING**

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