I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Jeff O. Estabrook
George E. Killian
Patrick B. Leddy, Vice-Chairman
Cataldo A. Leo
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Daniel J. Wellendorf

Others Present: Erik Dickes, Planning Department
Thomas Breitkreutz, Douglas County Health Department

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Leddy to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

ABSTAIN: Leo, Miller

Motion carried 5-0-2

III. *Cases

10-2-14 From 2/24/2010
Mike Epp
Central Community College
4500 63rd St
PO Box 1027
Columbus NE 68602

REQUEST: Approval of Provider
Approval of Instructor
Approval of continuing education seminar
49-215

Mike Epp appeared before the Board to request approval of continuing education classes for the 2010 year.

Motion to approve Central Community College as a Provider by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Miller reviewed the agenda, instructor qualifications and class materials submitted by Mr. Epp.

Motion to approve Gregg Hinrichson as an Instructor for backflow prevention by Mr. Wellendorf. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0
Motion to approve Gregg Hinrichson as an Instructor for water treatment by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve four hour continuing education class as submitted by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0

10-2-18
Shawn L Phillips
8033 Newport Av
Omaha NE 68122

REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well.

Bill Condon with Jensen Well Company appeared before the Board with a request to allow the installation of a well. This well will operate a geothermal heat pump. The domestic water is supplied by City of Waterloo.

Mr. Miller read statements from Metropolitan Utilities District and the Douglas County Health Department. Neither entity opposed this application.

Motion to approve for geothermal use only by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0

10-2-19
Great Plains Well Service
17005 M St
Omaha NE 68135

REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well.

Frank Marxsen with Great Plains Well Service appeared before the Board with a request to allow the installation of a well. This well would be for domestic use. This well may also be used for a geothermal heat pump if sufficient water is produced by the well.

Mr. Miller read statements from Metropolitan Utilities District and the Douglas County Health Department. Neither entity opposed this application.

When asked where water from the geothermal application would be sent, Mr. Marxsen replied that a lake could be created on the property to receive the water from the heat pump; or the water could be pumped into a creek that runs through the property. Mr. Reed raised a concern at allowing this water to be pumped to a creek, which runs through neighboring properties. Mr. Killian stated that he was concerned that this well would take too much water from neighbors’ wells.

Motion to approve for domestic use only by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0
10-2-20
Steve Stone
7707 N 33 St
Omaha NE 68112

REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well.

Steve Stone appeared before the Board with a request to allow the installation of a well for domestic use.

Mr. Miller read statements from Metropolitan Utilities District and the Douglas County Health Department. Both entities opposed this application, citing the potential for development in the area. Metropolitan Utilities District stated that Mr. Stone did make an application for a private water line. This application was denied due to the potential for development in the area. Metropolitan Utilities District requested that the property owner be required to extend a main line to the property at a cost of $56,000.00 to Mr. Stone.

Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector for the City of Omaha was consulted via telephone during this case. Mr. Wonder stated that he was familiar with the area and stated that the Plumbing Division was not opposed to this application for a well. Mr. Wonder recommended that the Board hold this case over to the next meeting in order to allow the Plumbing Division more time to research this property.

Motion to lay this case over to the March 24th meeting of the Plumbing Board by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0

10-2-21
Tracy McConnell
Grosch Irrigation Co. Inc.
PO Box 533
North Bend NE 68649

REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well.

Tracy McConnell with Grosch Irrigation Co. Inc. and Harold Flatoen with the City of Omaha Public Works Department appeared before the Board with a request to allow the installation of a well for use with the rehabilitation of Carter Lake.

Mr. Flatoen explained that Carter Lake currently has a system in place to pump water out of the lake to mitigate any flooding. The well proposed today will be used to pump water into the lake during years when the water level drops. Mr. Flatoen stated that this additional water is necessary in order to maintain water quality in Carter Lake and to prevent overgrowth of algae in the water.

Mr. Miller read statements from Metropolitan Utilities District and the Douglas County Health Department. Neither entity opposed this application.

Motion to approve proposed well by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0
Dustin Havranek with REAMS Omaha appeared before the Board with a request for approval of continuing education classes for the 2010 year.

**Motion** to approve REAMS as a Provider by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Miller reviewed the agenda, instructor qualifications and class materials submitted by Mr. Havranek.

**Motion** to approve Doug Simpson as an Instructor for irrigation products by Mr. Estabrook. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0

**Motion** to approve four hour continuing education class for lawn sprinkler contractors only as submitted by Mr. Estabrook. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0

Karli Meisinger with Eyman Plumbing and Scott Taylor with Taylor’s Flowers appeared before the board. Ms Meisinger explained that Mr. Taylor is moving his business to a new location. Mr. Taylor currently uses the condensate from his flower cooler to provide fresh water to cut flowers. Mr. Taylor plans to move this cooler to his new business location and would like to continue watering cut flowers with condensate runoff rather than draining the condensate to a floor sink.

Ms. Meisinger stated that Mr. Taylor prefers using the discharge water from the cooler due to the fact that it is free of chlorine and other chemicals that can be found in City of Omaha water. Water from this cooler is collected in buckets, and cut flowers are placed in the buckets prior to sale. Mr. Leddy stated a concern that buckets would overflow. Mr. Taylor responded that cut flowers demand a lot of water, and the cooler does not put out enough water to overflow a bucket.

Erik Dickes of the City of Omaha Plumbing Division stated that the Plumbing Division had no objection to this waiver.

Motion to approve by Mr. Leo for this business only. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0
REQUEST: Request to allow additional time to complete 2009 continuing education requirement.

Mike Miller of Micro Plumbing appeared before the Board with a request to allow additional time to complete his 2009 continuing education hours. Mr. Miller stated that he had signed up for a class last fall which was cancelled due to snow. Mr. Miller has registered for code review classes being given by Joe Virgil later this month.

Motion to allow Mr. Miller until July 1st, 2010 to complete 8 hours of continuing education by Mr. Killian. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

ABSTAIN: Leo

Motion passed 6-0-1

REQUEST: Request to reinstate license.

Motion to file by Mr. Leo. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0

IV. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals

Joseph M Apicella Jr. Plumbers Local 16 Local 16
Nicholas M Botkin Tyten Plumbing Svcs Metro
Nick LaBenz Dave Janke Plumbing ABC
Thomas Rosman Northern Plumbing Metro
Thomas J Stuart Jr. Micro Plumbing Metro

Motion by Mr. Leddy to approve renewals for the above listed apprentices. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0
V. Discussion

- The Board discussed fire sprinkler systems in residential construction.

VI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wellendorf. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion passed 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM

* = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING

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Applications for the meeting to be held at 1:30pm on Wednesday, March 24th, 2010 are due no later than 9:00am on Thursday, March 11th, 2010.

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