I. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:**
- Brian A. Barrett
- Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
- Brian Feyerherm
- Christopher P. Reed
- Terry Salem
- Amy L. Schaap

**Members Absent:**
- David W. Miller, Chairman

**Others Present:** Reid Steinkraus, Douglas County Health Department
- James Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

Mr. Estabrook called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

II. **Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2013**

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

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

ABSTAIN: Amy Schaap

Motion carried 6-0-1

III. **Examination Reviews**

Mr. Garrett Wirges was present to check his exam.
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IV. *Cases*

13-11-142 Held over from 11/13/13
Andersen Plumbing
849 N 252 St
Waterloo NE 68069

REQUEST Variance of section 49-624 as regards wall-hung water closets.

Held over from 11/13/13
Andersen Plumbing
849 N 252 St
Waterloo NE 68069

Mr. Josh Andersen appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards wall-hung water closets. Drawings will be given to Mr. Andersen for proper installation.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver with the stipulation that Mr. Andersen adhere to the way it is piped and vented that is in agreement with the intent of the Omaha Plumbing Code and also that the contractor would review that with Mr. Wonder prior to installation and have the City approve the venting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-11-148
Stephanie Moss
28023 Sunrise Cr
Valley NE 68064

REQUEST Waiver as regards pedicure tub and shampoo sink

Location: 16811 Burke St, #105
49-502 & 49-703(g)

Mrs. Moss was present with Mr. Pete Ornig with Salon Centric. The first issue is regarding the pedicure tubs. Mrs. Moss does not want to hook the pedicure chairs up to water or waste. She wants to fill and dump them in a separate sink. Mr. Ornig stated that due to the worry of cross contamination and other things that can go on, the new trend is nonplumbed pedicure units with a liner. After each customer the tub is emptied in the mop sink and the liner is thrown away. There is a heater that sits below the tub that is not connected. It heats and vibrates separately. Mr. Ornig said this is the new trend in salon equipment they are seeing in the industry nationwide. The Health Department does not have an issue with this. The pedicure tub is considered a fixture and that is why they are here for the waiver.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the pedicure tubs without plumbing, water, and waste connection with the stipulation that the owner provide either a mop sink or a laundry tub to dispose of the waste water and that the location of the mop sink or laundry tub be within 20 feet of the farthest fixture being used and in addition that the pedicure tubs be provided with disposable liners. Second by Amy Schaap.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Reed, Salem, Schaap

NAYS: Estabrook

Motion carried 5-1.
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Mrs. Moss is also requesting a waiver for the shampoo sinks with flexible tubing. Discussion included the type of material that was provided by the manufacturer and the length.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver for the shampoo sinks with the flexible connection with the stipulation that the corrugated plastic flex tubing is provided by the sink manufacturer and that the length of the corrugated flex connection is no longer than 12 inches. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-11-149
Douglas Clark
Wayne Woldt
405 Brentwood Dr
Gretna NE 68028

REQUEST
Renewal of Provider of Continuing Education
Renewal of Instructors (Clark & Woldt)
Renewal of CEU Class(es)

49-215

Mr. Doug Clark appeared before the Board requesting renewal of provider of continuing education, instructors, and class hours.

The classes will be Onsite Waste Water Training programs. The first day consists of dealing with Title 124 Regulation which are the state regulations for design and construction of septic systems, absorption fields. The second day deals with mound systems. People can attend either one day or both days. It is primarily designed for people who have licenses to install sewage treatment systems and mound systems. This is basically the same class that was approved in 2012 for four hours. Each day is a six hour class.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Office as a provider for plumbing continuing education classes. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Reed made a motion to renew the approval of Mr. Wayne Woldt and Mr. Doug Clark as instructors for private sanitation systems. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the CEU class for continuing education for sewer layers, journeymen plumbers, and master plumbers with the stipulation that each attendee only receives four hours of continuing education for either class and that no one can attend both classes to get additional CEU hours. Second by Mr. Salem.
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AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0.

13-11-150
Scott Walter
Omaha/Council Bluffs Plumbing
2720 W Broadway
Council Bluffs IA 51501
REQUEST Waiver as regards grease interceptor
Location: 5023 S 24 St
        49-1104

Mr. Walter appeared before the Board with Mr. Jose Palomares, owner of Carniceria Lel Pueblito. The sewer runs out of the back of the building into an alley. Mr. Craig Christians of Public Works investigated this property. There is adequate flow, and there is no grease in this line. Therefore, Public Works has no issue with granting this waiver. Also, there is no room at this location to install one.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-11-146 Held over from 11/13/13
Brian Badura
21775 Laura St
Gretna NE 68028
REQUEST Approval of Reinstatement of Journeyman Plumber License
        49-212

Mr. Badura presents before the Board requesting reinstatement of his journeyman plumbing license. He inadvertently let the license lapse and recently found his invoice statement for 2013. He already has 4 hours of continuing education hours completed this year and is signed up for four more hours this next week.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-11-151
Ron Hiatt
5202 Arrowrock Dr
Omaha NE 68157
REQUEST Request for reinstatement of Journeyman Plumber License
        49-212

Ronald Hiatt presents before the Board for reinstatement of his journeyman plumbing license. He had a medical issue at the end of 2012 and couldn’t make the continuing education hours needed for 2012 so he put
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His license into retirement. He has made up the four hours for 2012 and is signed up for his eight hours of continuing education this month for 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Reed to reinstate the journeyman plumber license and to move four hours of continuing education hours back to 2012. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-11-152  
Ken Kuehner  
16516 Greenleaf St  
Omaha NE 68136  

REQUEST Request for renewal of Journeyman Plumber License

49-212

Mr. Ken Kuehner appeared before the Board requesting renewal of his retired journeyman plumber license. The license was retired last December, but the invoice was inadvertently not paid.

Motion to allow Mr. Kuehner to keep the retired journeyman plumber license with the quad fee requirement by Mr. Reed. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-11-153-  
John (Jack) Lorenzen  
Quality Water Services Inc  
PO Box 22068  
Lincoln NE 68068  

REQUEST Request of Approval of CEU Class

49-215

Mr. Jack Lorenzen appeared before the Board requesting approval of continuing education class by Central States be allowed for his water conditioning contractors.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow Mr. Lorenzen two hours of continuing education credit for water conditioning contractor license to attend Central States previously approved course. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
Mr. Don Eldridge, owner of the space going into the finish, and Mr. Mark Sanford appeared before the Board requesting a waiver in regards to drinking fountain and the reduction of one water closet in the women’s restroom.

This business is for commercial signs. The building is 4500 sq. feet. This is an existing space which has been remodeled. Two restrooms are already in place. They are going to be enlarged and corrected to meet ANSI code. There are six employees with a growth to eight (four men, and two women). Because of the amount of production space this seems like a reasonable request.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver based on the large amount of production and warehouse space of the facility to allow one water closet for men and one water closet for women at this location for this business only. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

In regards to the waiver for the drinking fountain, Mr. Eldridge has one break room sink and a hard-piped hydration unit.

A motion to allow the waiver for the drinking fountain due to the installation of a permanent hydration unit was made by Mr. Reed. Second Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
Mr. Rhodes presented to the Board requesting renewal of provider for continuing education classes. The Board discussion included mention that he has been audited in the past, and it was an excellent class.

With that recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Reed to allow the renewal of Futuramic Clean Water as a provider for CEU. Second by Amy Schaap

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

Motion carried 6-0

The instructor will be Mr. Jeff O’Callaghan. He has been previously approved in past years.

Mr. Reed made a motion was made to approve the renewal of Mr. O’Callaghan as an instructor for continuing education classes. Second Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Rhodes is requesting four hours for continuing education classes in the area of water treatment and water flow for water conditioning contractors and installers, journeymen and master plumbers.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Rhodes for four hours of continuing education class in the area of water treatment and water flow for water conditioning contractors and installers, journeymen and master plumbers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
V. DISCUSSION:

As of January 1, 2014, the lead-free brass will go into effect. Jim Wonder has the opportunity to put on one or two classes with the Copper Pipe Institute on this subject. Would the Board entertain that the plumbers who have already received their eight hours of CEUs in 2013 be allowed to use this class for their 2014 hours. Soldering this new brass will be very tricky, and it will be beneficial for this hands-on class earlier than later. There is only room for 20 people at a time. This would be a two-hour class. These credits will only be allowed for 2014, not 2013.

Discussion on plumbing examinations - If a person has taken the test in prior years, and they want to retest now six years later, does this count as the second try out of four chances or does he have to start over? The Board agreed that it is ONLY four attempts in ONE CALENDAR YEAR. If the person fails this time, he must pass all sections each time.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wonder asked that the Board go into executive session in order to discuss recent plumbing examinations.

Motion to go into executive session by Mr. Reed at 2:35 pm. Second Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

VII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 3:00 pm.

* = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING

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