I. Roll Call
Members Present:
Brian A. Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Brian Feyerherm
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap

Members Absent:
Christopher P. Reed

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 27, 2013

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

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

Motion carried 6-0

III. *Examination Reviews

Keith Robertson was present to check his exam.

IV. *Apprenticeship Agreements

William R Zeleny
DRZ Plumbing Inc
19206 S Hwy 31
12125 Bobwhite Rd
Gretna NE 68028
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William Zeleny presented before the Board with Don Zeleny. He is currently working for DRZ Plumbing. Mr. Zeleny is requesting 11-01-2013 as a start date. Mr. Miller looked over the documentation, and all paperwork is in order.
Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve William Zeleny with a 11-01-2013 start date with the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Adam Mason
12141 N Street
Omaha NE 68137

Tony Leonardo Plumbing Inc
5012 54th Street
Nehawka NE 68413

Mrs. Sandy Leonardo presented before the Board representing Adam Mason. He is working for Tony Leonardo Plumbing. Mrs. Leonardo is requesting a start date of 9-07-2013.

Mr. Miller looked over the documentation. Ratios are in order, and all paperwork is in order.

Mr. Salem made a motion to approve Adam Mason with a 9-07-2013 start date with the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

David Barnes
7914 S 17 Street
Omaha NE 68147

Barrett Plumbing Inc
1409 Chaput Dr
Bellevue NE 68005

Mr. David Barnes appeared before the Board. He is working for Barrett Plumbing. He is requesting a start date of 10-19-2013. Mr. Miller reviewed the paperwork. All documentation and ratios are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve David Barnes for a start date of 10-19-2013 with the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem

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

Abstain: Barrett

Motion carried 5-0-1.
V. *Cases

13-12-156
Prairie Mechanical Inc
2842 Tucker Street
Omaha NE 68112
REQUEST Waiver as regards drinking fountain
Location: 2842 Tucker Street
49-634 Table 5C

Mr. Brett Lundin with Prairie Mechanical presented before the Board. This facility will have approximately
16-17 people per floor. There is a break room on each floor with a sink and refrigerator which is planned to
have an icemaker and water dispenser.

Motion to approve this waiver was made by Mr. Salem. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-12-157
April Perchel
920 N 204th Street
Omaha NE 68022
REQUEST Waiver as regards drinking fountain
Location: 920 N 204th Street
49-636

Mr. Estabrook represented Ms. Perchel. This is a small insurance office with four employees currently.
There will be two other sources of drinking water nearby; a refrigerator with ice dispenser and break room
sink.

Mr. Salem made a motion to approve the waiver. Second by Mr. Feyerherm

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. Estabrook

Motion carried 5-0-1.

13-12-158
Shaina Pearson
19121 F St
Omaha NE
REQUEST Waiver as regards private well installation for domestic use
Location: 19121 F Street
49-1510

Ms. Pearson presented before the Board requesting a waiver for installation of a private well for domestic use. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson are building a single residence at 19121 F Street. Their builder had spoken with James Bartles and Don Noonan with MUD approximately the beginning of this year at the start of building, and they said they had no problem with installation of a well and were not opposed to this. Then suddenly
when it was time to move forward with it, MUD decided to oppose it. All of the surrounding acreages have wells. MUD stated water service fees associated with 192 & F St amount to $39,397. Reid Steinkraus stated the Douglas County Health Dept is remaining neutral on this.

This property has been before the Board before. The prior case was denied due to a pump and dump issue for geothermal. Mrs. Pearson said that has been cancelled. They decided not to go with geothermal. This well is for a different use.

Mr. Salem made a motion to grant the waiver. Second by Amy Schaap

AYES: Barrett, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

NAYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm

Motion carried 4-2.

13-12-159
Barney Whatley
Nebraska Rural Water Assoc
3390 Ponderosa Street
Wahoo NE 68066
REQUEST Renewal of Provider of Continuing Education
REQUEST Renewal of Instructors
REQUEST Renewal of CEU Class(es)
49-215

Patrick Petersen presented before the Board representing Mr. Whatley and Nebraska Rural Water Association. NRWA has been a provider in the past for Backflow Prevention.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve a renewal for Nebraska Rural Water Association for continuing education provider regarding backflow prevention. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Barney Whatley has already been approved this year as a continuing education instructor for backflow prevention.

Discussion was entertained to inform the attendees as they sign in that only a total of four hours for backflow prevention applies to the City of Omaha license. If they already have four hours of backflow previously, that is the total amount that will be put towards their continuing education for a one year period.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve a renewal of a four hour continuous education class on backflow prevention with the stipulation that the four hour total for City of Omaha journeymen and master licenses be discussed prior to the beginning of class. Second by Mr. Salem.
Kelly Schult appeared before the Board requesting a temporary Master Plumber license. There has been a resignation by the master plumber at N. Pitlor and Sons. Kelly is currently in the process of taking the Master’s test. He will take it again in February 2014. As of December 4th, they have been without a master plumber. He will be subject to the all rules that a master plumber would be.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the request for a temporary master plumber license with a start date of 12/13/13 for one year or whenever he passes the master examination whichever comes first with the stipulation that he is held responsible for his actions. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Andrew O’Dom
302 W Third St #500
Cincinnati OH 45202

REQUEST Variance of section 49-630 as regards toilet room for two sexes and 49-631 as regards unisex

This property under subject is in Westroads Mall. The store sells women’s accessories and merchandise. The majority of employee and customer base is female. There are no more than 2-3 employees on site at a time. Gross square footage is 1668 ft. with a sales floor of 1407 sq. ft. The previous Fred Meyer jewelry store constructed in 2000 was also built with a single unisex restroom and received a waiver primarily due to security issues. This proposed restroom would require traveling through the stockroom. The store is located within 200 ft of the public restrooms.

Motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to grant the waiver for a unisex restroom for this bay only with the stipulation that the door is made accessible to the public without going through a storage room. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
13-12-162
Melvin Sudbeck
16255 Woodland Dr
Omaha NE 68136-4000
REQUEST Approval of Reinstatement of Master Plumber License
49-212

No Board action was needed. Receipt was found. Motion to file case 13-12-162 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-12-163
James H. Wonder
6262 Linbergh Dr
Omaha NE
REQUEST Approval of Continuing Education Class for 2014
49-215

This was a request mentioned during discussion at the last meeting to be considered for 2014 continuing education. NEBCO will be coming to Omaha and will bring some pipe, valves, solder, and fluxes and will go over how to solder the new lead-free brass as it pertains to NEBCO. We don’t want people getting 2013 credit, but 2014 credit. He is going to do three classes with one for Local 16.

Since NEBCO is going to be in town, this is an opportunity to learn it beforehand instead of after the fact.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Wonder as a provider for continuing education with the stipulation that this is for 2014 credit only. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve a two-hour class for continuing education for journeymen and master plumbers for the upcoming brass soldering class for 2014. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0.
Motion to approve Trace Laux as an approved instructor for lead-free soldering. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion to open up a case for Eric Wheeler in regards to lawn sprinkler contractor license. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-12-164
Eric Wheeler
14511 M St
Omaha NE 68137

REQUEST Approval of reinstatement of lawn sprinkler contractor license

49-212

Mr. Wheeler presented before the Board stating that he inadvertently let his license renewal lapse but did attend the John Deere class in February 2013. He has taken 8 hours total this year with the requirement being 4 hours.

Mr. Eastabrook made a motion to reinstate Eric Wheeler’s lawn sprinkler contractor license with the stipulation that he provide proof of attending CEU class and will need to pay quad fee penalty. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Tom Holm appeared before the Board requesting approval of renewal as an instructor. He was a teacher with Iowa Western Community College who taught the apprenticeship program. They no longer have one, but he is approved and registered with the State of Iowa as a teacher. We have in the past years granted him continuing education credit even though it wasn’t purely Omaha. We failed to do this last January. He came in with some courses that he had taken and was told that they were approved for continuing education credit and they were not. Mr. Miller and the Board agreed that Mr. Holm is an instructor and very knowledgeable. He does not need additional continuing education classes.

Mr. Wonder is continuing to work on the code changes.
VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Estabrook at 2:44 pm. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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