

**MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD**

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 25, 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
David W. Miller, Chairman
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap
Christopher P. Reed (arrived after roll call was taken)

Members Absent:

Brian Feyerherm

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

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

II. Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2013

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

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

ABSTAIN: Amy Schaap

Motion carried 5-0-1

III. *Examination Reviews

Tony M Reed
8725 N 52nd 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 Program

13-9-120
Big Birge Plumbing
Brad Birge
PO Box 641692
Omaha, NE 68164

REQUEST: Approval of apprenticeship program
49-244

Brad Birge appeared before the Board requesting approval of apprenticeship program. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion to approve Big Birge Plumbing for apprenticeship program. by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 5-0.

***Apprenticeship Agreements**

Jesse Morton
2138 Tucker St
Omaha NE 68164

Big Birge Plumbing Co
PO Box 641692
Omaha NE 68164

Jesse Morton appeared before the Board with Mr. Birge of Big Birge Plumbing. Mr. Morton is asking for a start date of August 26, 2013. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that the application was in order.

Motion to approve with a start date of August 26, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 5-0.

13-9-121
Thermal Services
Barry Taylor
Tim Dreager – Safety and Education Manager
13330 I Street
Omaha NE 68137

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Mr. Barry Taylor appeared before the Board requesting renewal of approval for apprenticeship program for Thermal Services. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that the application was in order.

Motion to approve renewal for apprenticeship program by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 5-0.

Richard J Eichler
6911 S 148 St;

Thermal Services
13330 I Street

Omaha NE 68137

Omaha NE 68138

Richard J Eichler appeared before the Board with Barry Taylor of Thermal Services. 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 May 17, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Christopher Reed is now in attendance.

Jacob Reeve
6108 Oak St
Omaha NE 68106

Thermal Services
13330 I Street
Omaha NE 68138

Jacob Reeve appeared before the Board with Barry Taylor of Thermal Services. 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. Reeve stated that he would have these sent to the Board Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of June 17, 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, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0.

Adam Wilberger
5205 S 87 PA
Omaha NE

Thermal Services
13330 I Street
Omaha NE 68138

Mr. Wilberger appeared before the Board with Barry Taylor of Thermal Services . Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of May 10, 2013. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

John P. Adams
1815 S 45 St
Omaha NE 68105

Barrett Plumbing
1409 Chaput Dr
Bellevue NE 68005.

Mr. Adams appeared with Mr. Barney Barrett of Barrett 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. Reeve stated that he would have these sent to the Board Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of August 1, 2013, with the stipulation that payroll summaries be forwarded to the Board Secretary as proof of said start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Barrett

Motion carried 5-0-1.

Lucas D. Benes
242 S McKenna Ave
Gretna NE 68028

Dave Janke Plumbing
15013 Grover St
Omaha NE 68144

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

Motion by Mr. Salem to approve with a start date of July 1, 2013. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Michael Dabney
6638 Spencer St
Omaha NE 68104

Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 16 St
Omaha NE 68108

Mr. Dabney appeared before the Board. 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. Dabney stated that he would have these sent to the Board Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of May 17, 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, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion Carried 6-0.

Eric Guiterriz
2509 Madison St.
Bellevue, NE 68005

Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 16 St
Omaha NE 68108

Mr. Guiteriz appeared before the Board. 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. Guiteriz stated that he would have these sent to the Board Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of April 1, 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, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion Carried 6-0.

Tramayne Mallindine
1524 Hiatt St
Carter Lake, IA 51510

Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 16 St
Omaha NE 68108

Mr. Mallindine appeared before the Board. 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. Mallindine stated that he would have these sent to the Board Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of May 1, 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, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion Carried 6-0.

Kevin McDonald
2438 S 46 St
Omaha NE 68106

Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 16 St
Omaha NE 68108

Mr. McDonald appeared before the Board. 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. McDonald stated that he would have these sent to the Board Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of June 10, 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, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion Carried 6-0.

Justin Peck
907 Avenue P
Carter Lake IA 51510

Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 16 St
Omaha NE 68108

Mr. Peck appeared before the Board. 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. Peck stated that he would have these sent to the Board Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a start date of August 12, 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, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion Carried 6-0

IV. *Cases

13-9-122

Ben Ward
6140 Garvin St
Omaha NE 68152

REQUEST: Reinstatement of Master Plumbing License

Mr. Ward appeared before the board requesting reinstatement of his Master Plumbing License. Mr. Ward has kept up with his continuing education and all documentation looks good.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to reactivate Mr. Ward’s Master Plumbing License. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion Carried 6-0

13-9-123

Bill Condon
Jensen Well Co Inc
767 Iowa St.

REQUEST: Waiver to allow replacement of a domestic well

Location: 11403 N 96 St.
Blair NE 68008
49-1510

Mr. Masek with MUD noted there is a 12” water main in 96th Street at Rainwood Road providing water to this area. It would take a 4980 foot main extension at a cost of approximately \$476,000 to provide water service to the above residence. MUD does not oppose this application for a well at this time. Douglas County Health Dept is unopposed to this waiver application.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the well application for domestic use. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap Motion carried 6-0.

13-9-124

Noah Mock
1129 S 32 St
Omaha NE 68105

REQUEST: Waiver of required grease interceptor

Location: 3926 Farnam St.
49-1104

The Board received a request to hold this case over to the October 23, 2013 meeting.

Motion to hold case 13-9-124 over to October 23, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13-9-125

Brad Jungman/Don Foster

119 S 49 Ave

Omaha NE 68132

REQUEST: Waiver of requirement for single drinking fountain

Location: 310 & 312 S 15 St
49-636

Mr. Jungman was not in attendance. Mr. Don Foster was present as a representative. Mr. Foster is requesting a waiver due to minimal occupant load and based on a bottled water cooler provided in the lobby. The Board discussed the plans and also noted that there will be multiple sinks in the exam rooms.

Motion to approve the waiver by Mr. Reed. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0

13-9-126

Paul Douglass

1704 N 92 St

Omaha NE 68114

REQUEST: Waiver of unisex toilet rooms and required urinal in unisex restroom.

Location: 2501 N 85 St.
49-631

Mr. Douglass, property owner, appeared before the Board requesting a waiver of unisex toilet and required urinal in unisex restroom.

Bill’s Painting, LLC is a painting business. Painting is not done on site. The front of the business is basically for vehicles, the back is set up for equipment, there is some office space but basically the building is a drop off and meeting place for employees. There is less than four employees on site at any time. The Board discussed the need for two restrooms due to the square footage.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver for this facility to operate with two restrooms, one men’s and one women’s, each with a single water closet and lavatory sink.

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

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

Motion carried 6-0

13-9-127
Pat Leddy
Plumbers Local Union #16
4801 F ST
Omaha NE 68117

REQUEST: Renewal of approval of
Instructor (Woodard)
Approval of Instructors (Kalasky,
Holmstedt)
Approval of CEU Classes
Waiver of 49 person limit (Woodard, Kalasky)

49-215

Mr. Pat Leddy with Plumbers Local #16 appeared before the Board requesting .

Robert Woodard is currently approved for Omaha Plumbing Code. The Board discussed Mr. Woodard’s power point and materials and stated he is already approved for any material with regard to the Omaha Plumbing Code.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Robert Woodard’s code class for four hours. Second by Mr. Estabrook

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Sean Kalasky’s class would be regarding plumbing service and associated tools, soil waste, piping, water heaters, traps and cleanouts, and plumbing fixtures. There will be power point presentations and hands-on teaching. Mr. Kalasky is currently teaching down at the Local #16 regarding a service class and fixture class. He also has attended various instructor programs

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Kalasky as an instructor for general plumbing and plumbing service. Second by Mr. Estabrook

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Noel Holmsted wants to be a continuing education instructor for journeyman plumbers. The Board discussed his credentials including licenses and certifications. He has his Master Plumbing license in Iowa and Bellevue. He is a Journeyman Plumber in Omaha. Certifications include: Nebraska Grade VI Water Operator, UA Medical Gas Brazer/Installer. Mr. Holmsted would be teaching the class on the use of TRIMBLE LM 80 layout manager instrument. Power points, group discussions, and spending time setting up the instrument. This would be a smaller class (around 10 people) to allow time for people to get to use the instrument

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Holmstedt as an instructor for continuation education in the topics of general plumbing and plumbing layout software. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Sean Kalasky's class regarding plumbing service for four hours of continuing education for Journeymen and Master Plumbers Second by Amy Schaap

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Noel Holmstedt's class regarding plumbing layout software for four hours of continuing education credit for the City of Omaha for Journeymen and Master Plumbers. Second by Mr. Estabrook

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Reed made a motion to waive the 49 person limit for Mr. Woodward and Mr. Kalasky's classes. Second by Mr. Estabrook

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

Motion carried 6-0

13-9-128

Doug Hawley
Paragon Training
4012 N 72 St
Omaha NE 68134

REQUEST: Renewal of approval of Provider
Renewal of approval of Instructors
Approval of a new Instructors
Approval of CEU Classes

49-215

Doug Hawley appeared before the Board requesting Paragon Training be renewed as a Provider for continuing education. Mr. Hawley stated Paragon Training has been a provider for classes in the past.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Paragon as a provider of continuing education for the City of Omaha .
Second by Mr. Estabrook

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

Motion carried 6-0

Renewal of approval of Instructors

Mr. Adam Christensen appeared before the Board for renewal of approval of Instructors. Adam was approved to teach in 2010. He would be teaching a different class regarding tankless water heaters

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Christensen as an instructor for tankless water heater installations.
Second by Mr. Estabrook

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

Motion carried 6-0

Doug Hawley appeared before the Board requesting renewal of approval as an Instructor for the City of Omaha for 2013. He was approved in 2012 for CPVC piping and backflow.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Hawley as a provider of continuing education for the City of Omaha for CPVC piping and backflow. Second by Mr. Estabrook

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

Motion carried 6-0

Next, the Board discussed Mr. Hawley teaching a 2-hour continuing education class on water heaters.

Mr. Reed made a motion to add water heaters to Mr. Hawley's list of continuing education classes for the City of Omaha. Second by Mr. Estabrook

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Don Birkentall was absent for the meeting. Mr. Hawley was his representative. Mr. Birkentall is requesting approval of continuing education on job site safety geared towards plumbers. Mr. Miller stated that the Board does not allow safety for continuing education.

Mr. Reed made a motion to deny Mr. Birkentall as an instructor for continuing education for plumbing. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0 and is denied.

The Board then discussed approval of continuing education classes with Mr. Hawley.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve a 4 hour backflow prevention class for Paragon Training for the City of Omaha Journeyman and Master Plumbers continuing education. .Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0

The Board then discussed approval of a continuing education class with Mr. Adam Christensen for a water heater class.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve a 2 hour tankless water heater class for continuing education with the City of Omaha.

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

Motion carried 6-0

The Board then discussed approval of a continuing education class with Mr. Hawley for a PVCP class.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the 1-hour CPVC class for continued education for the City of Omaha. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0

13-9-129

Mike Coyle/Robert Torson
Robert Torson Architects
6542 S 118 St
Omaha NE 68137

REQUEST: Variance of Section 49-636
Table 1

Location: 8701 Pacific St. (Westside High School football stadium)

Mr. Mike Coyle and Mr. Robert Torson appeared before with Board with members of the Westside High School faculty in attendance.

The football field has had washrooms for men and women since the 1950s. The faculty is requesting a waiver for the requirements regarding the number of fixtures given per the assembly of people the stadium can hold. This is regarding the amount of seating related to the football field only. The proposal consists of taking the existing ticket building and making that the men's restroom and building another one for the women's restroom. There is only one spot to place these buildings due to the grade and water drainage. The new men's structure will include six urinals and three toilets, one of which would be handicap accessible. The new structure for the women would have eight toilets, one of which would be handicap accessible. The plans also include a family restroom. The Board discussed the availability of additional restrooms in the school.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the construction of restrooms as shown on the submitted documentation. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

For the record, Mr. Reed left the meeting before adjournment.

VII. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals

Joseph Aburumah

Barrett Plumbing

Metro

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Aburumah for apprenticeship renewal. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 5-0

VIII. Discussion

The Board briefly discussed the Plumbing Code changes. The Board would like to see a rough draft when it is completed.

IX Adjournment

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

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm

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

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