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

**Others Present:**  
James Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department  
Robin Wright, Douglas County Health Department  

**Members Absent:**  
Brian Feyerherm  
Amy L. Schaap  

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.  
Mr. Jim Wonder introduced Ms. Jennifer Taylor, the City of Omaha attorney who is presently representing the City of Omaha Planning Department and Plumbing Board.

II. **Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2014**  
Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2014 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.  

**AYES:** Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem  
**ABSTAIN:** Barrett  
Motion carried 4-0-1

III. **Approval of Apprenticeship Program**  

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Mr. Michael Knutson appeared before the Board to approve M&K Plumbing LLC apprenticeship program. Mr. Miller reviewed the paperwork, and it was in order. Motion to approve M&K Plumbing LLC apprenticeship program by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.  

**AYES:** Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem  
Motion carried 5-0
IV. *Apprenticeship Agreements

Maximilian A Ramirez
2307 Denise Circle
Bellevue NE 68005

Wonder Plumbing Inc
7811 S 134 Street #100
Omaha NE 68005

Mr. Maximilian Ramirez appeared before the Board requesting credit for being a third year apprentice. He worked for Carmody Plumbing and Carmody & Sons Plumbing in past. Mr. Ramirez was registered as an apprentice from 12/20/2006-2009. After a break in years, he registered as an apprentice on 10/23/2013-present.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Ramirez with a start date of 12/20/2006 with the stipulation that we receive an evaluation of apprentice program sheet. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

Travis Koster
15113 Howe Court
Omaha NE 68144

Nebraska Plumbing & Sewer
6262 Lindbergh Drive
Omaha NE 68110

Mr. Travis Koster appeared before the Board requesting a May 16, 2014 start date in the Omaha apprenticeship program. Paperwork and ratios are in order. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Koster with a 5-16-2014 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

Jordan A LaNoue
5602 N 51 Street
Omaha NE 68114

Nebraska Plumbing & Sewer
6262 Lindbergh Drive
Omaha NE 68110

Mr. Jordan LaNoue appeared before the Board requesting a May 7, 2014 start date in the Omaha apprenticeship program. Paperwork and ratios are in order. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. LaNoue with a 5-07-2014 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0
Mr. John Kavalec appeared before the Board requesting credit as a fourth year apprentice in the Omaha program. Mr. Miller reviewed the paperwork, and the ratios are in order. Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Kavalec as a fourth year apprentice per the information that was provided regarding his licensure in the State of Indiana. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

Christopher A Gambale
707 Golden Gate Circle #13
Papillion NE 68046

Backlund Plumbing
6215 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68106

Motion to hold over Christopher Gambale’s apprentice application until August 13, 2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

Andrew T McLaughlin
6903 Oak Plaza #603
Omaha NE 68106

Backlund Plumbing
6215 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68106

Mr. Andrew McLaughlin appeared before the Board requesting an April 1, 2014 start date in the Omaha apprenticeship program. Paperwork and ratios are in order. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. McLaughlin with a 4-01-2014 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

Daniel J Pedersen
8009 S 48 Avenue
Bellevue NE 68157

Backlund Plumbing
6215 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68106

Mr. Daniel Pedersen appeared before the Board requesting a May 1, 2014 start date in the Omaha apprenticeship program. Paperwork and ratios are in order. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. McLaughlin with a 5-01-2014 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0
V. *Cases

14-6-103 Held over from 6/25/2014, 7/9/2014
Mike McAndrews
6875 State Street
Omaha NE 68152-1633
REQUEST Waiver as regards well installation
Location: 6875 State Street
49-1510

7/23/2014
Mr. McAndrews presented before the Board. Mr. McAndrews did speak with MUD after the 7/9/14 meeting, and MUD verified that this project is on-hold at this time. There were two documents that did show MUD planned to bring services past this address. Mr. Wonder was asked to review prior case histories in this area and review documents regarding this case. Mr. Wonder stated that past cases do not parallel with Mr. McAndrews’ situation. Considering that Mr. McAndrews purchased the lot with the house already built and that he did things in good faith with MUD, Mr. Wonder recommended to the Board that the waiver be granted so he may drill the well and occupy his residence. The Health Department has no issue with this waiver.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve this waiver for installation of a well for domestic use. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Miller, Reed, Salem
NAYS: Estabrook
Motion carried 4-1

7/9/2014
This case was held over from 6/25/2014. Mr. Mike Andrews appeared before the Board after meeting with his attorney. His attorney suggested he return and request the waiver once more due to the fact that drilling a new well for approximately $24,000 and then the cost of $19,700 for abandoning it possibly within one year or less, whenever MUD runs their water service past his property, is not a viable option for him. He also stated that he purchased the property with the home already existing. This was not a vacant lot. Mr. McAndrews and his family cannot live in the house without water service to his property. The well drilled in on the property is not recommended to be used. The Plumbing Board asked Mr. Wonder to research prior cases within the area. The Board requested Mr. McAndrews provide documentation from MUD and the developer showing hardship for this case.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold over case 14-6-103 until July 23, 2014 to give Mr. McAndrews time to get documentation from the developer and MUD and also time for research on previous cases in this area. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

6/25/2014
Mr. Michael McAndrews appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a new well installation at 6875 State Street. MUD states that this property is part of a developmental plat called Country Club Estates. This development has recently submitted a request for water service and a main has been designed and a quote given to the developer in the amount of $132,216 for an 8” water main extension, 750’ long. Along with that cost, a connection charge in the amount of $1,138 is also due for reimbursement to the contributor of that main. MUD does oppose this waiver. The District recommends that a water main be extended past this property and requests that the property owner be required to connect,
pay all fees and discontinue use of their well for domestic purposes. Mr. McAndrews states that when he purchased the property he was under the assumption that MUD was going to bring the main past his property and would, therefore, tap the main at that time. There is a pitless well on the property that is not up to code. The Health Department’s viewpoint is to abandon the old well and drill a new cased well.

The Board decided to lay this case over until 7-9-14 to give Mr. McAndrews time to have his attorney draw up legal documentation stating that when MUD installs the water main on his frontage he would abandon the well and connect to the MUD’s potable water within one year.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold case 49-6-103 over until 7-9-2014. Second by Mr. Reed.

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

Motion carried 6-0

14-7-113
Matt Wickham
17024 Military Road
Bennington NE 68007
REQUEST Waiver as regards well installation
Location: 11515 N 126 Street
49-1510

Mr. Wickham appeared before the Board requesting a waiver for well installation at 11515 N. 126 Street. MUD does not oppose this waiver. The Health Department does not oppose this well as long as 100’ setback can be met between well and future septic system field. Mr. Wickham stated that the old well was abandoned and capped by Jensen Well Service. Mr. Reed made a motion to approve this waiver for well installation for domestic use. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

14-7-114
Mark Roseland
Backlund Plumbing
6215 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68106
REQUEST Waiver as regards grease interceptor
Location: 2501 S 90 Street; Bays 101, 102 & 103
49-1109

Mr. Mark Roseland, Mr. Jerry Kavan, and Mr. Patrick Roseland appeared before the Board to get a waiver for an exterior grease interceptor. The southwest corner of the building is being reserved for a restaurant at 5500 sq. ft. This grease interceptor is to serve this one space only. Mr. Roseland stated they are not proposing to tie another restaurant into this bay. The Board requested Mr. Wonder confirm of sizing of the interceptor per the new plumbing code.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the installation of a 250-gallon Schier grease interceptor for the proposed 5500 sq. ft. tenant space and that space only pending Mr. Wonder confirming the calculations for the flow are adequate for the proposed 250-gallon grease interceptor. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

NOTE: 7/25/14 - Mr. Wonder reviewed the calculations and stated that the 250-gallon interceptor would be sufficient for the space mentioned above.
Mr. Ruben Gonzales appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding the piping for fixture requirements at the Hennes & Mauritz store at the Westroads Shopping Mall. Mr. Gonzales stated there will be restrooms in the store but the Omaha Plumbing Code is requiring more restrooms and urinals than the company wants to put in. This mercantile space is 19,609 sq. ft. He stated that there is a public restroom outside of their store 123 feet away. The Board did not see a hardship in this case. Mr. Gonzales, the superintendent on the job, requested the Board hold this over until the next meeting so other representatives could attend to discuss this case.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold this over to the next Plumbing Board meeting on August 13, 2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

VI. *Journeyman Plumber Examination Applications (4)

Richard A Crapser
2555 Ellsworth Avenue
Bellevue NE 68123

Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 16 Street
Omaha NE 68108-3948

Mr. Crapser 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. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

John Kavalec
4811 N 148 Circle
Omaha NE 68116

Benjamin Franklin Plumbing
14302 C Circle
Omaha NE 68144-3348

Mr. Kavalec appeared before the Board. He has had a license from Indiana since 2006. Mr. Miller reviewed the files. After reviewing the application, it was determined that Mr. Kavalec did not meet qualifications to test for an Omaha license; namely, he needed documentation for 14,000 hours from the State of Indiana. Mr. Kavalec will get all the documentation needed for testing in November.
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Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold Mr. Kavalec’s application over to the October 22, 2014. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

Matthew R Mojica
7811 S 134 Street #100
Omaha NE 68138

Wonder Plumbing Inc
7811 S 134 Street #100
Omaha NE 68138

Matthew Mojica 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. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

Michael A Nelson
1214 Applewood Dr #G308
Papillion NE 68046

Mr. Michael Nelson did not appear before the Board. Motion to file Mr. Nelson’s application for the Journeyman exam in August. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

VII. *Master Plumber Examination Applications (4)

James E De Leon
2809 Nebraska Avenue
Fremont NE 68025

Mr. James DeLeon appeared before the Board. He holds a Master’s and Journeyman’s license with the State of Texas. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that documentation appeared to be in order with the application.

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

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0
Mr. David Fleischman 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. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

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

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

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Bill Nourse 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. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0
VIII. *Water Conditioning Contractor Examination Applications (1)  

Michael Harless  
103 E First Street  
Mead NE 68041  

Husker Water Experts  
412 S Vine Street  
Mead NE 68041  

Mr. Michael Harless 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. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

IX. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (1)  

John P Polson  
Aspen Plumbing  
Completed

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the one apprentice listed above for renewal. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

V. DISCUSSION

Plumbing code changes were sent to the City Law Department for review.
New fire hydrant brochures
Misuse of licensing is being reviewed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Estabrook made a motion for adjournment at 3:07 pm. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0

* = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING
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If alternative (tape) to the agenda is needed, please advise Jim Wonder. A 72-hour notice is required.

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