

**MINUTES**

**OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD**

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, July 22, 2015  
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  
Brian Feyerherm  
David W. Miller, Chairman  
Christopher P. Reed  
Terry Salem  
Amy L. Schaap

**Others Present:**

Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department  
Allen Brown, Douglas County Health Department

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

**II. Approval of Minutes from July 08, 2015**

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the July 08, 2015 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

ABSTAIN: Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0-1

**III. \*Cases**

15-7-102  
IUOE Local 571  
11404 N 47 St  
Omaha NE 68122

REQUEST      Waiver as regards well installation  
  
Location: 11404 N 72 Street  
49-1510

Gary Niedbalski representing IUOE Local 571 appeared before the Board requesting approval of a replacement well for domestic use at 11404 N 72 Street. Mr. Wonder stated the City is in favor of this request. This is the old radar base which has had poor water quality for many years. NRD services the opposite side of McKinley, but regulations will not allow servicing this property. Mr. Miller read documentation stating that MUD does not oppose this application for a well at this time. Mr. Allen Brown stated the Health Department has no objection to the installation of a domestic well, pending all required set backs are maintained.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the well installation for domestic use at 11404 N 72 Street. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

15-7-103  
Heimes Corp  
9144 S 147 St  
Omaha NE 68138

REQUEST      Waiver as regards showers  
  
Location: 2213 S 85 Avenue  
49-620

Mr. Jeff Estabrook representing Heimes Corporation is requesting a waiver regarding linear shower drains at 2213 S 85 Avenue. The Luxe linear drain is all stainless steel and has a clamping ring.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve this linear drain for two showers at 2213 S 85 Avenue. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

ABSTAIN: Estabrook

Motion carried: 6-0-1

15-7-104  
Heimes Corp  
9144 S 147 St  
Omaha NE 68138

REQUEST      Waiver as regards exterior grease interceptors  
  
Location: 14220 Fort Street #104  
49-1109

Mr. Jeff Estabrook representing Heimes Corporation is requesting a waiver regarding an exterior GB-250 Schier grease interceptor at 14220 Fort Street #104. This will be a Mexican restaurant with a couple fryers. There is not enough fall to install the larger unit.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the use of this Schier polyethylene grease interceptor. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

ABSTAIN: Estabrook

Motion carried: 6-0-1

15-7-105  
Lamp, Rynearson & Associates Inc  
14710 West Dodge Road, Suite 100  
Omaha NE 68154

REQUEST      Waiver as regards disposal of wastes  
  
Location: 6333 S 60 Street  
49-501

Mr. Pat Hillyer representing Pink Grading appeared before the Board requesting a waiver of permanent restroom facilities at the proposed Pink Grading Industrial site at 6333 S 60 Street. This lot will be a material storage yard similar to a construction site. Mr. Hillyer stated that this site will have no permanent structure. Only employees from Pink Grading will be dropping off materials. This will not be for retail. There will be no potable water onsite except portable water for the crusher when in use to keep dust down. The City requests a portable enclosure on a concrete base for a portable toilet in an effort to deter vandalism.

Motion by Mr. Reed to grant the waiver of permanent bathroom facilities at this site with the following stipulations: 1) the site will remain an active construction site in nature with no permanent buildings, 2) they will have up to five employees on site during rock crushing activities which will only be approximately 1-3 months per year, 3) during non-rock crushing activities the site will only have transient employees with 2-3 employees on site with a grader and/or dozer, and 4) the site will provide a portable toilet enclosure on a concrete base adjacent to their proposed parking lot. Second per Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

#### IV. Apprenticeship Agreements

Jacob B Hrabik  
7501 Highland Street  
Omaha NE 68127

The Frazier Company  
14830 B Circle  
Omaha NE 68144-5556

Mr. Jacob Hrabik is requesting a start date of June 29, 2015. Mr. Miller stated documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Hrabik with a June 29, 2015 start date for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Solomon Hughes  
832 S 50 Street  
Omaha NE 68106

American Rooter  
12806 King Street  
Springfield NE 68059

Mr. Solomon Hughes is requesting a start date of July 2, 2015. Mr. Miller stated documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Hughes with a July 2, 2015 start date for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Caleb C Maris  
6134 S 96 Court Apt 43  
Omaha NE 68127

Plumbers Local #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117-1406

Mr. Caleb Maris is requesting a start date of June 22, 2015. Mr. Miller stated documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Maris with a June 22, 2015 start date for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Chris P Nice  
3209 Cass Street  
Omaha NE 68131

The Frazier Company  
14830 B Circle  
Omaha NE 68144-5556

Mr. Chris Nice is requesting a start date of May 15, 2014. Mr. Miller stated documentation and ratios are in order from the Frazier Company. Mr. Nice provided documentation stating he has already completed 2,077.42 on-the-job training hours through Burton Plumbing dated May 23, 2014 through July 9, 2015. He has not received any schooling at present.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Nice with a May 15, 2014 start date for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program, recognizing 2,077 hours worked with no schooling involved. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Quinton R Schrader  
11422 R Street  
Omaha NE 68137

The Frazier Company  
14830 B Circle  
Omaha NE 68144-5556

Mr. Quinton Schrader is requesting a start date of June 22, 2015. Mr. Miller stated documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Schrader with a June 22, 2015 start date for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

#### **V. \*Journeyman Plumber Examination Applications**

Christian G Anderson  
9609 S 9 Street  
Bellevue NE 68147

Nebraska Plumbing & Sewer Service  
6262 Lindbergh Dr  
Omaha NE 68110

*4/22/2015*

Mr. Christian Anderson appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Anderson does not have schooling but worked in North Platte and Lincoln. He holds a State of Nebraska Grade VI water operator license and a North Platte Master Plumber license. However, North Platte is not considered an equivalent city to Omaha.

Mr. Anderson is short on-the-job training hours which require a total of 14,000 hours over an eight year period. His hours total 8033.75 hours spanning 2011-2014 with Morland Enterprises LLC in North Platte, Nebraska. Mr. Anderson was previously employed with a company in Lincoln that went out of business, and he was unable to get the records for those hours. The Board discussed a placement test that could be given in place of schooling. Mr. Anderson will contact Mr. Jim Wonder to discuss this at a later date.

Motion to deny Christopher Anderson's request to take the journeyman examination in May by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0; request denied

*7/22/2015*

Mr. Christian Anderson appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the journeyman plumber examination on August 10, 2015. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that Mr. Anderson was denied approval to test back on April 22, 2015. On May 19, 2015, he took the school equivalency tests, passing all four years.

Motion to approve Mr. Anderson's application to take the journeyman examination by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Burke Clausen  
17009 Hawthorne Ct Apt 214  
Omaha NE 68118

Paragon Plumbing  
210 S Vermont  
Bennington NE 68007

Mr. Burke Clausen appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the journeyman plumber examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that he has completed his schooling but is short on-the-job training hours and years. Mr. Clausen is missing one year's worth of work experience.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Clausen's application to take the journeyman examination based on a review by Mr. Wonder of additional work record information from Tom Walz and approval by Plumbing Board Chairman.. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

NAYS: Salem

Motion carried: 6-1

John H Eggleston  
819 Belgrade Lane  
Plattsmouth NE 68048

Tony Leonardo Plumbing Inc  
5012 54 Street  
Nehawka NE 68413

Mr. John Eggleston appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the journeyman plumber examination on August 10, 2015. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that he has completed his on-the-job training hours and has completed his schooling.

Motion to approve Mr. Eggleston's application to take the journeyman examination by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Aaron C Lyons  
3503 S 44 Ave  
Omaha NE 68105

Backlund Plumbing  
6215 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68106

*4/22/2015*

Mr. Aaron Lyons appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Lyon's schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 7,428 on-the-job training hours. However, Mr. Lyons has not completed his full four years until August 2015.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to deny Aaron Lyons to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0; request denied

*7/22/2015*

Mr. Aaron Lyons appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the journeyman plumber examination on August 10, 2015. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that he has completed his schooling and on-the-job training hours with four consecutive years.

Motion to approve Mr. Lyon's application to take the journeyman examination by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

William J O'Connor  
9017 Valley View Dr  
LaVista NE 68128

Gavrooden Inc dba Mr. Rooter Plumbing  
of Omaha  
14503 Grover St #107  
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. O'Connor withdrew his application.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file Mr. O'Connor's application. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Lolon C Timmons  
904 Joseph Drive  
Papillion NE 68046

MMC Mechanical Contractors Inc  
9751 S 142 Street  
Omaha NE 68138

Mr. Lolon Timmons appeared before the Board requesting approval to take the journeyman plumber examination on August 10, 2015. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that he has completed his on-the-job training hours and has completed his schooling.

Motion to approve Mr. Timmons' application to take the journeyman examination by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

#### **VI. \*Master Plumber Examination Applications**

Robert G Bassett  
10524 N 152 Avenue Circle  
Bennington NE 68007

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

Mr. Robert Bassett appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in August 2015. Mr. Bassett has held a City of Omaha journeyman license since 3/31/1998.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Robert Bassett to take the master exam in August 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Michael L Bogers  
1411 S 162 Street  
Omaha NE 68130

Pitlor Mechanical Corp  
10901 I Street  
Omaha NE 68137

Mr. Michael Bogers appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in August 2015. Mr. Bogers has held a City of Omaha journeyman license since 5/26/2005.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Michael Bogers to take the master exam in August 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Michael B Dean  
4419 Prairie Road  
Fremont NE 68025

Boyd Jones Construction  
PO Box 31336  
4360 Nicholas Street  
Omaha NE 68131

Mr. Michael Dean appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in August 2015. Mr. Dean has been employed by Midlands Mechanical Inc for 14 years and has accrued 26,060 on-the-job hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Michael Dean to take the master exam in August 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

John A Ellis  
129 Bryan Street  
Gretna NE 68028

Gretna Plumbing & Drain Services LLC  
129 Bryan Street  
Gretna NE 68028

Mr. John Ellis appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in August 2015. Mr. Ellis has an apprenticeship start date of 3/28/2003. He holds licenses in Utah, Nevada, and Arizona.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve John Ellis to take the master exam in August 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Cataldo "Chuck" A Leo  
3716 S 119 St  
Omaha NE 68144

HSP Construction & Plumbing  
3716 S 119 St  
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Chuck Leo withdrew his application. Motion by Mr. Salem to file this application. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Alexander D McCoy  
9403 N 60 Street  
Omaha NE 68152

Jim Stearns Plumbing Inc  
9403 N 60 Street  
Omaha NE 68152

Mr. Alex McCoy appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in August 2015. Mr. McCoy has held a City of Omaha journeyman license since 8/01/1993.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Alex McCoy to take the master exam in August 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Bryson L Schmidt  
17109 Burdette St  
Omaha NE 68116

Gavrooden Inc dba Mr. Rooter Plumbing  
of Omaha  
14503 Grover St #107  
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Bryson Schmidt appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in August 2015. Mr. Schmidt has held a City of Omaha journeyman license since 10/27/2009.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Bryson Schmidt to take the master exam in August 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Sean P Smith  
118 East Graham Ave  
Council Bluffs IA 51503

University of Nebraska Medical Center  
987100 Nebraska Medical Center  
Omaha NE 68198

Mr. Sean Smith appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in August 2015. Mr. Smith has held a City of Omaha journeyman license since 9/09/2002.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Sean Smith to take the master exam in August 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**VII. \*Water Conditioning Installer Examination Applications**

Timothy J Goepfert  
Futuramic's Clean Water Center  
1514 S Saddle Creek Road  
Omaha NE 68106

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1514 S Saddle Creek Road  
Omaha NE 68106

Mr. Timothy Goepfert appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the water conditioning installer examination in August 2015. Mr. Goepfert has been employed by Futuramic's Clean Water Center since 5/16/2011.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Timothy Goepfert to take the water conditioning installer's examination in August 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Jacob T Nutter  
Futuramic's Clean Water Center  
1514 S Saddle Creek Road  
Omaha NE 68106

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1514 S Saddle Creek Road  
Omaha NE 68106

Mr. Jacob Nutter appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the water conditioning installer examination in August 2015. Mr. Nutter has been employed by Futuramic's Clean Water Center since 5/21/2013.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Jacob Nutter to take the water conditioning installer's examination in August 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**VIII. Sewer Layer Examination Applications (15)**

Nolan Apel  
1915 S 44 Street, #325  
Omaha NE 68105

Carmody & Sons Services  
14564 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

Willie D Brye  
4109 N 22 St  
Omaha NE 68110

Brye Services  
4109 N 22 St  
Omaha NE 68110

Zamarion Butler  
3126 Cass Street  
Omaha NE 68131

Dave Janke Plumbing Inc  
15013 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144-3240

David J Carmody  
641 S 150 St  
Omaha NE 68154

Carmody & Sons Services  
14564 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

Derek S Carmody  
11128 Seward Plaza  
Omaha NE 68154

Carmody & Sons Services  
14564 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

Matthew G Donovan  
1610 Thayer #A  
Plattsmouth NE 68048

Carmody & Sons Services  
14564 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

Jack France  
1005 S 52 Street  
Omaha NE 68106

Hawkins Construction Company  
2516 Deer Park Lane  
Omaha NE 68105

Russell J Gamelin  
8802 N 155 St  
Bennington NE 68007

Carmody & Sons Services  
14564 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

John Herman  
3708 Arbor Street  
Omaha NE 68105

Dave Janke Plumbing Inc  
15013 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144-3240

Brandon Hilliard  
6604 Minne Lusa Blvd  
Omaha NE 68112

TSI Mechanical LLC  
12251 Cary Circle #150  
LaVista NE 68128

Michael J Larson  
17252 Sprague St  
Omaha NE 68116

Dave Janke Plumbing Inc  
15013 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144-3240

Erik Ortega  
2315 Drexel St  
Omaha NE 68107

Eyman Plumbing  
8506 S 117 Street  
La Vista NE 68128-5560

Chad M Pedersen  
3328 N 53 St  
Omaha NE 68104

Carmody & Sons Services  
14564 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

Ian T Yates  
105 S Hazel St Apt 1  
Glenwood IA 51534

Carmody & Sons Services  
14564 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

Kyle R Zaback  
1544 N 120 Plaza Apt 2  
Omaha NE 68154

Carmody & Sons Services  
14564 Grover St  
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the 15 applicants listed above to test for the Sewer Layer examination in August 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 7-0

#### **IX. Discussion**

Trench Drains interpretation discussed by the Board. Mr. Reed made a motion that the Plumbing Board agrees with the City's interpretation in Section 49-612(b)(3) Trench Drains - that food processing would include restaurants and that restaurants would require stainless steel trench drains per the requirements of the Chapter 49 Omaha Plumbing Code. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 7-0

#### **X. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Estabrook. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

**\*APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.**

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A full, continually current agenda is available for public inspection in Room 1110 of the Omaha/Douglas Civic Center during normal business hours.

The Omaha Plumbing Board reserves the right to modify the agenda at the public meeting. If alternative (tape) to the agenda is needed, please advise Jim Wonder. A 72-hour notice is required.