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

Others Present:
Mike Connor, Douglas County Health Department (non-voting)
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector, City Planning Department (non-voting)

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

II. Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2017

Motion by Mr. Jeff Estabrook to approve the minutes from March 8, 2017. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Barrett

Motion carried: 5-0-1 Approved

III. *Cases

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Mr. Chris Ashton appeared before the Board requesting a well waiver at 13626 N 47 St. There is no MUD water available at the site. Mr. Mike Connor, DHHS, is not opposed to the installation of the well. Mr. Mark Masek, MUD, does not have water at N 47 St and would cost approximately $361,000 to install. The well that is currently on the property is approximately 30 feet deep and is the highest level of hardness of all neighboring properties. Mr. Christopher Reed asked to clarify if the well would be used for potable water only. Mr. Ashton confirmed.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the installation of the well at this address. Second by Mr. Jeff Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap
Mr. Brian Keith appeared before the Board requesting a waiver to place a modular office on this site, a request that the schedule 40 PVC that is installed in the unit to be allowed to be used, and a waiver for a urinal to be installed in the bathroom at 7202 N 16 St. Mr. Jim Wonder stated that the issue with this request is that there is not a set timeline for how long the trailer would be placed on the property. Mr. Wonder stated that in the past the Board had approved similar requests with the understanding that every year the property owners would appear before the Board and request an extension. Mr. Keith stated that they just purchased the property and demolished the warehouse that was there and there are no immediate plans to put a building in place. Mr. Keith stated that it could be a year or two. Mr. Reed asked for clarification for the purpose of the trailer. Mr. Keith stated that they would be utilizing the trailer as an office space to run the business. Mr. Estabrook worries about the length of time that will be used. Mr. David Miller stated that they would need to come back every year to renew the placement of the building. Mr. Keith stated they would have no problem doing that. Mr. Brian Barrett wondered if there would be other boards that would have a problem with the placement. Mr. Keith stated he hoped that in a year he hoped they would have a plan to bring back to the Board. Mr. Estabrook asked if the trailer would be hooked up to the sewer and water or if it would be temporary. Mr. Keith stated that the trailer would be hooked up to the sewer and water and that they are waiting on estimates.

Motion by Mr. Reed to grant the waiver for the temporary trailer and materials for one year from today. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 6-0 Approved

Neither Mr. Bob Mahoney nor Mr. Brad Scott appeared before the Board. Mr. Mahoney currently has Board approval for a Backflow class. They are seeking to add Mr. Scott as an approved instructor for this course. Mr. Wonder stated that this individual has been approved by the state in order to speak at the approved class. Mr. Estabrook stated that the class is run well. Mr. Barrett stated if it is already state approved there should be no problem.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to grant the request to add an instructor for the Backflow class. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0 Approved

**IV. Discussion**

- Jim Wonder - Testing Date Approved for Metropolitan Community College, South Omaha Location, Industrial Training Center Room 120.
  - There was a conflict with the room being booked for May and August in Room 702 for the next three years.
• May 2017 test will take place at Metro South Campus. The test will also be a week earlier due to the availability of the room. August 2017 test will also be at the Metro South Campus.

• In 2018 and 2019 the May and August tests will be held at the new North Omaha Campus.

Jim Wonder- Address those with Sewer Layer licenses who are in plumbing school or an apprentice, will this count toward their continuing education hours.

• Mr. Wonder stated that this has yet to be ruled on and the Board needs to make a decision. Mr. Wonder has no objection. Mr. Barrett stated that the Sewer Layer continuing hours are specific. Mr. Miller stated that given recent events that the importance of safety for Sewer Layers is more heavily emphasized during their continuing education than through the schooling that Apprentices participate. Mr. Barrett stated that as Apprentices have to attend their schooling. Mr. Salem stated that in the long run it would be more beneficial for those with a Sewer Layer license and an Apprentice license to attend the Sewer Layer continuing education classes.

• There is a consensus amongst the Board that Apprentices who also hold a Sewer Layer license must complete their Sewer Layer continuing education hours.

Jim Wonder- Address the need for more Water Conditioning Contractor classes.

• Some Water Conditioning Contractors are taking out of state classes but not getting approval for those classes from the Board prior to taking those classes.

Jim Wonder- Address need for instructors and providers to provide a typed copy of sign in sheets for CEU credit.

• Due to the letter that went out about individuals not having enough continuing education hours, Mr. Wonder proposed that instructors or providers provide the original sign in sheet in addition to a typed list to ensure that individuals get credit for their classes. Mr. Salem liked the idea of putting it back on the providers or instructors. Mr. Wonder asked if we wanted to provide a list of names and license numbers to instructors and providers to write that number on as well. Mr. Barrett proposed having the instructor print the individual’s names on the list as well. Mr. Estabrook stated that he had questions about the continuing education and if the printed name was always legible. Mr. Wonder stated that even the printed names are not always legible.

• There is a consensus amongst the Board that the providers and/or instructors must provide a typed list with the original. Mr. Wonder stated that we can include a section for the individual’s license number.

Jim Wonder- Address those with multiple licenses and how to handle passing an exam (Master/Journeyman, Journeyman/Lawn Sprinkler Contractor, etc.).

• Mr. Wonder stated that in years past the Board approved that continuing education hours would be waived for those individuals who passed an exam for a license. There was a consensus that this would be acceptable.

Jim Wonder- Online classes for CEU

• Mr. Wonder stated that one person is taking an online class. Mr. Wonder had previous Board approval to look into online classes. However the cost is not necessarily the most effective unless it is open the country. There is also the question of ensuring that individuals are actually taking their online classes themselves. Ms. Amy Schaap stated that she has the opportunity to take her continuing education classes online, however they are not all the same level of required. Mr. Barrett stated that individuals should get Board approval prior to taking any online class. Ms. Schaap stated that as long as the individual and/or group took the effort of appearing before the Board for pre-approval that would be acceptable.

Jim Wonder other items

• Approved instructors and providers are now put on the City of Omaha website so individuals can be accountable for classes they take.

• Last time hearings were held for individuals who did not fulfill their continuing education hours was in 2012 for 2011’s hours. Mr. Wonder is now confident in the data that we have collected for continuing education hours. We have sent out approximately 190 letter to those who do not have enough continuing education hours, there are currently approximately 120 individuals who do not have enough continuing education hours after retirement, duplication, or the passing of an exam in 2016. Ms. Schaap stated that due to the amount of individuals lacking hours that she would think a mass suspension would be in order, especially for those who have past years of not fulfilling their continuing education hours. Mr. Barrett stated that it is difficult to patrol who is working or not, except for Masters. Mr. Estabrook stated that there were individuals from his shop that were on the list and he will check with them.

• Mr. Wonder stated that some individuals were sent letters for continuing education classes and attended those classes that did not pertain to plumbing and therefore did not count.
Mrs. Wonder stated that Journeyman Plumbers and Master Plumbers be given the opportunity to make up their hours for this year and previous years going back to 2014 before having a hearing to suspend or revoke a license. Mrs. Wonder stated that because the data was not clean it made it difficult to hold individuals accountable for individuals not fulfilling their requirements.

- The Board discussed when and where to hold a special hearing for individuals who did not fulfill their requirement. There was a consensus to split the list between those who are short continuing education hours in 2016 and those who are missing multiple years. Those who are just missing 2016 continuing education hours will be given the opportunity to attend a make-up class within 3 months for those hours and avoid the revocation hearing process. The dates that were determined are Tuesday, May 16, 2017 and Tuesday, June 6, 2017. The location was the Elkhorn location from 2012.

- The Board determined that the make-up class needs to be separate classes from those approved for 2017. The Board determined that the make-up classes will be on code, especially for Journeyman and Master Plumbers.

- Individuals who do not reply to the letter to make-up their hours will be included in the revocation hearing process. Mrs. Wonder stated that letters will be sent out in certified mail and regular mail.

- Mr. Barrett asked if instructors need to appear before the Board to get their make-up code classes approved by the Board. Mr. Miller stated that instructors who wish to present a make-up code class need to bring a course outline to the Board for approval.

  - Mr. Wonder presents two days of classes from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with a 30 minute lunch, on April 8, 2017 and April 22, 2017.

- Mr. Barrett asked if a Sewer Layer specific class would be created and offered for make-up hours.

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Motion by Mr. Estabrook to accept Mr. Wonder as an instructor for a code specific class for the 2016 CEU make-up hours. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0 Approved

V. Adjournment at 2:31 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook adjourn. Second by Ms. Schaap.

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

Motion carried: 6-0 Approved

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