MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 14, 2018
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

Board Members:
Brian A Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Steve Johnston
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap
Russell Hadan, Douglas County Health Department (non-voting)
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector, City Planning Department (non-voting)

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

I. Roll Call

Brian Barrett
Jeff Estabrook
Steve Johnston
David Miller
Christopher Reed
Terry Salem
Amy Schaap – Absent

Others Present:
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector
Autumn Drickey, Board Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2018

Motion by Mr. Jeff Estabrook to approve the minutes from October 24, 2018. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

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

Motion carried: 5-0-1, Approved

III. *Cases

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<td>18-11-131</td>
<td>Roto-Rooter Services Company</td>
<td>Request for approval of temporary Master Plumber, Kevin Morrow, due to hardship</td>
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Mr. Jeff Schumaker and Mr. Kevin Morrow appeared before the Board requesting approval for a temporary Master Plumber due to a hardship. Mr. Jim Wonder explained the hardship. He stated that this case is on an even more limited basis. Mr. Estabrook clarified the start date of the new Master Plumber. Mr. Schumaker stated that there would be a December 1, 2018 start date.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the temporary Master Plumber license of Kevin Morrow with an expiration date of December 1, 2018. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Nick Limpach and Ms. Sara Jansen appeared before the Board requesting a unisex restroom and a waiver for interceptors. Mr. Wonder explained the situation with this project that they’ve had conversations and meetings about. Mr. Brian Barrett asked about the restrooms. Mr. Wonder explained that there are balconies for people to sit on. Mr. Limpach stated that they have considered the car show aspect and that there will be public restrooms on the bottom level. Mr. Wonder stated that they are not working on the cars at this location so he would be in support of this request. Mr. Barrett voiced his concern about people working on the cars. Mr. Wonder stated that working on these cars are polishing them. Mr. Limpach stated that it is written in their contract that they are not allowed to work on their cars. Ms. Jansen stated that there are no 24 hour stays written in the contract as well. Mr. Salem asked. Ms. Jansen clarified that they are not able to use this as a residence. Mr. Limpach stated that the first request to get a fixture count waiver. He stated that the unisex restroom would have a urinal. He explained the specifics of the request. There is discussion about stipulations to the request. Mr. Wonder restated that he supports the requests. Mr. Barrett asked how many buildings there are. Ms. Jansen stated that there are four buildings but they are not able to give a firm count, no more than sixty.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to grant the unisex waiver up to 4,000 square feet. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 5-0-1, Approved

Mr. Estabrook asked about the drains and the ability to do a Type I Interceptor. Mr. Limpach explained that it would end up in a person’s private residence, so they discussed that with Mr. Wonder. He explained their alternative plan. Mr. Miller clarified that they are doing something similar to a residential. Mr. Limpach confirmed. Mr. Wonder stated that if the use changes, it could be required. Mr. Limpach stated they are running it separate out the end for if the use changes. Mr. Limpach explained the changes that they are proposing.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the waiver for Type I and III interceptors with the stipulation that the lines come out separate and there is a catch bucket. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 5-0-1, Approved
Mr. Dan Poore and Mr. Joshua Evans appeared before the Board requesting the renewal of their instructor and class. Mr. Miller asked about the instructors. Mr. Poore stated that he would be the instructor for two of the classes and Mr. Evans would for the third year. Mr. Estabrook asked about Mr. Evans’ teaching history. Mr. Poore explained and stated that Mr. Evans would be replacing him, so this is the transition.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Midwest Turf & Irrigation as a provider for Lawn Sprinkler Contractors and Lawn Sprinkler Installers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Dan Poore as an instructor and add Joshua Evans as an instructor for Lawn Sprinkler Contractors and Lawn Sprinkler Installers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Poore explained that they have classes for 2018, 2019, and 2020 planned out. Mr. Miller clarified the request for continuing education hours. Mr. Poore stated that they would be three different classes, each for those three years. There is discussion about the specifics of the class. Mr. Wonder stated there would be enough for four hours of continuing education. He explained that there is now a problem with overwatering which is causing problems with subsoil drains, so this would be beneficial to the trade. There is discussion about being water smart.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the three classes for 4 hours of continuing education for each class for Lawn Sprinkler Contractors and Lawn Sprinkler Installers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Patrick Miller appeared before the Board requesting renewal of the instructor and class. Mr. Miller clarified the request. Mr. P. Miller stated that the class has not changed.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to renew Mack McClain and Associates as a provider for Backflow for Journeyman and Master Plumbers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to renew the classes for 2 hours of backflow for Journeyman and Master Plumbers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to renew Patrick Miller and Brett Peterson as instructors for Backflow. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Chris Smith appeared before the Board requesting renewal of the instructor and class. Mr. Miller asked about the classes. Mr. Smith explained the class. Mr. Wonder stated that this would fill two hours of continuing education and explained the importance based on the code.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to renew the classes for 2 hours of continuing education for Journeyman and Master Plumbers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to renew Chris Smith as an instructor for pump sizing and pump installation. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Gabe Ismert appeared before the Board for the above request. Mr. Wonder clarified the request. He stated Mr. Ismert is looking for the material, not the way that it is piped. He stated that he does not object to that request, if it is a different request, he would oppose. He stated that the finer points would be addressed in a code change, but the materials would be supported. Mr. Chris Reed clarified the request. Mr. Estabrook asked if this would be going inside a building. Mr. Ismert stated it would be for inside and/or outside. He stated that they have gone through all of this to make sure it stands up. Mr. Estabrook asked about the concrete. Mr. Wonder explained about the materials being requested. Mr. Ismert stated that they call out the concrete wall. Mr. Wonder stated this is an approval of materials. He restated that he has no objections.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow HDP for Type I and Type II interceptor with the stipulation that other code requirements are met and manufacturer’s recommendation are followed. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

IV. *Apprenticeship Agreements

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Mr. Joshua Gusse did not appear but is requesting approval to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Joshua Gusse to the Omaha Apprentice Program with a start date of October 15, 2018. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

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Mr. Mike Inman appeared before the Board requesting approval to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a start date of September 26, 2018. Mr. Miller stated his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mike Inman to the Omaha Apprentice Program with a start date of September 26, 2018. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Jared Smith did not appear but is requesting approval to the Omaha Apprentice Program. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Jared Smith to the Omaha Apprentice Program with a start date of October 15, 2018. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

V. Discussion

- Jim Wonder – WCC Continuing Education
  - Board discussion.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the submitted continuing education hours with the stipulation that the course is completed in its entirety and the piecing together of classes is not allowed. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

- Jim Wonder – Exam Accommodation Requests
  - Mr. Wonder stated that there will be at least one Journeyman and one Master Plumber who will need accommodations, he explained that there could be another request. There is discussion about the accommodations being made, an audio exam being provided and the steps to get that put together. There is discussion about the accommodations being reasonable based on conversations with HR. Mr. Reed stated that there is a need to be sympathetic to needs, but the need to clarify the accommodations. Mr. Barrett stated he wouldn’t want people to come on their first try to say they didn’t have enough time, wait until they’ve taken the test once. Mr. Wonder stated that the Board can adjust testing rules at any time. Mr. Robert Woodard asked about the directions and submittal books that need to be read in order to pass the test. There is discussion about reading issues. There is discussion about the application. Determined that there needs to be a letter sent to previous applicants. There is discussion about the accommodations made on the national level.

- Jeff Estabrook – Asked about adding another inspector

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to go into Executive Session to protect test. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Executive Session entered at 2:43 p.m.

VI. Executive Session to Grade Exams

- Journeyman Plumbers
  1. Barnes, David
  2. Baum, Adam
  3. Bybee, Skyler
  4. Calderon, Micahel
  5. Chapin, Corey
  6. Childers, Allen
  7. Davenport, John
  8. Domina, Andrew
  9. Frank, Zachary
  10. Gamelin, Russell
  11. Kiddler, Andrew
  12. Klusaw, Daniel
  13. LaNoe, Jordan
  14. Minturn, Jacob
15. Montag, Blaze
16. Moody, Kiefer
17. Pratt, Billy
18. Reese, Tanner

• Master Plumbers
  1. Amill, Coresian
  2. Barrett, Bernard
  3. Durham, Zack
  4. Gruhn, Joshua
  5. Harrison, Christopher

• Water Conditioning Contractor
  1. Chase, Kent

• Lawn Sprinkler Contractor

• Sewer Layers
  1. Abels, Brandon
  2. Bienhoff, John
  3. Castillo, Adolfo A
  4. Gallagher Jr, Donald
  5. Galvan, Cole
  6. Gardner, Art
  7. Hainline, Ryan
  8. Hrabik, Kenny
  9. Jacobsen, Alexander
  10. James, Iske
  11. Korth, Brian
  12. Lee, David
  13. Marco, Trevor
  14. McCluskey, Travis
  15. Miranda Sr, Octavio
  16. Mosher, Sean
  17. Newbanks, Charles
  18. Riley, Smith
  19. Robinson, Tyrek
  20. Schwartz, Richard
  21. Smolsky, Matthew
  22. Stevens, Phillip
  23. Stungis Jr, Donald

VII. Adjournment

Board adjourned through mutual consent at 3:15 p.m.

*APLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.*

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