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Minutes of 10/19/2023

Board Members	Matt Gardner, Chair	Division	John Nielsen, Executive Officer
Present:	John Kierce	Staff:	Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
	Bob King		Don Morse, Investigations Prog. Supervisor
	Bill Harmon		Bryan Mulleneaux, Investigator
			Renee Bryant, Board Support Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM MT by Chairman Matt Gardner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 05/09/23 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

Appeal – PLB2207-0011: Investigator Bryan Mulleneaux and Inspector Dan LaChapelle represented DOPL, and Respondent Rory Lapka represented himself. Exhibits A through L were provided and all parties testified to case number PLB2207-0011, violation of IDAPA 24.39.20.300.02 “Certification and Registration”. A motion was made and seconded to confirm the fine of \$500 as stated. The motion carried unanimously.

Appeal – PLB2211-0003: Investigator Bryan Mulleneaux represented DOPL, and Respondent Dennis Richardson represented himself. Exhibits A through E were provided and all parties testified to case number PLB2211-0003, violation of IDAPA 24.39.20.300.06 “Fees, Permits, and Inspections”. A motion was made and seconded to accept the reduced \$100 penalty fee. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Adoption of 2024 Idaho State Plumbing Code (ISPC), Based on 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC): Currently, the Board is using the 2015 ISPC. The 2018, 2021, and 2024 UPCs are available. The Board was asked if it wanted to pursue a newer code or stay with the 2015 and look at amendments. There are no big differences in 2018 and 2021; however, there are significant changes in the 2024 code. The Board is in favor of adopting the 2024 code. All board members will get a copy of the 2024 code. This topic will be addressed at a future meeting.

2024 Meeting Dates: The Board agreed on the following 2024 meeting dates: February 15 and June 6. Executive Officer John Nielsen will provide dates for the Board to choose a meeting in the fall.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Financial Report: The Financial Report for the first quarter of 2024 was not available. In the packet was the FY2023 YEAR END REVENUES and EXPENDITURES as of June 30, 2023. Executive

Officer Nielsen will research where monies are posted, i.e., general fund, plumbing account, from vehicles sold at auction; based on one year, what is the mileage driven in rural areas; and why are revenues down from the third to fourth quarter.

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) Journeyman and Contractor Exam Provider: The Division has moved away from a testing agency and is in negotiation with IAPMO to proctor exams. The projected date is January 1, 2024, and all licensees will receive notification from DOPL.

Summary of IDAPA Rule Changes: In the packet is a summary of the previous and new rule numbers, previous and new rule titles, and changes/reasons. These are not in the rules; however, the majority are pretty explanatory. Anyone wanting a copy is to contact Executive Officer Nielsen.

Agency Legislation: A summary of draft proposals by DOPL was provided and will go before the 2024 legislature. One proposal that may affect the Board is Public Works License Exemption, which seeks to amend Idaho Code to allow for an exemption from licensure for subcontractors performing work on a project managed by a licensed public works contractor when the value of the subcontracted work is less than \$100,000. It also eliminates the category of Class D licensure. This proposed statutory change would help to align Idaho's licensing requirements with the current business climate and construction market.

Notice of Violation (NOV) Report: The NOV Report was provided.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:31 AM. 02/05/2024/krb