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Minutes of 02/21/2024

Board Members Ted Sermon, Chair **Division** John Nielsen, Executive Officer
Present: Bill Carter, Vice-Chair **Staff:** Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
Mike LaPray Erin Einarsson, Board Support Specialist
Garret Christoffersen

Board Members

Absent: Judy Van Cleave

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM MT by Chair Ted Sermon.

APPROVAL OF 11/09/2023 MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 9, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

Adoption of 2024 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC): Executive Officer (EO) John Nielsen suggested the Board come to a consensus about adopting the 2024 UMC after receiving feedback from industry. EO Nielsen stated that any code adopted would be a statute change that would need to be brought before the legislature. Once adopted, the Board would then formulate amendments to the code. Based on the feedback received at the meeting, the Board elected not to move forward with the 2024 UMC but will begin amendments to the current codes.

Gas Piping Underground: EO Nielsen proposed gas piping underground (penetrating a building) be a potential negotiated rule making topic. EO Nielsen noted that it is currently allowed under the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC). Clarke See of Intermountain Gas Company noted when inspecting buildings where the foundation has been penetrated below grade, the migration of natural gas has often been detected, which is unsafe. Consensus from the industry in attendance was to not allow it.

Gas Pressure Test: EO Nielsen stated there has been a suggestion of changing the rule so that tests are set at 60 psi across the board. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and HVAC (HVC) Boards Merger: There was discussion of possibly combining the HVC and LPG Boards into one board. EO Nielsen, Chair Ted Sermon and LPG Board Chair Tom Daniels have met to discuss the potential merger. A statute change would be required, and the earliest it would be able to go before the legislature is 2025. This topic will be addressed at future meetings.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Cash Balance Report: EO Nielsen addressed the Cash Balance Report; specifically, the Division's 5-Year Financial Projection. The Board's restricted fund currently has a cash balance close to 80% of annual operating costs and is trending upwards. The Cash Balance Report is currently being reviewed by the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. DOPL has recommended that any fines collected from civil penalties be used to fund education programs, not to fund operations.

Financial Report: The Idaho HVAC Board's Financial Report, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES as of January 24, 2024, was provided.

Notice of Violation (NOV) Report: The Idaho HVAC NOV Report from January 18, 2023, to February 12, 2024, was provided.

Legislative Update: EO Nielsen provided a summary of legislative status. [House Bill 509](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee. [House Bill 505](#) was referred to the Business Committee and is on the House Floor. [House Bill 478](#) has been passed by the House and will move on to the Senate. [House Bill 563](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee. It is out of committee with a do pass recommendation.

Public Comment: Kenny Calkins, President, Cloverdale Plumbing Company, requested clarification that Gas Piping Underground (penetrating a building) is not allowed. EO Nielsen confirmed that per the International Field Gas Code it is not allowed. Mr. Calkins requested clarification as to whether the Gas Pressure Test was voted on. EO Nielsen replied it was an informational item only and was not voted on.

Board Member Randy Hart has resigned from the Board. Chairman Sermon thanked Board Member Hart for his service. The HVAC Board is seeking to fill two board positions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:54 AM.