

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD  
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

**Tuesday – February 14, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. (MT)**

**Division of Building Safety  
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian, Idaho  
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
2055 Garrett Way, Building 2, Suite 7, Pocatello, Idaho**

NOTE: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting,  
but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.

Chairman Andrew Bick called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. (MT).

**Board Members Present:**

Andrew Bick, Chairman  
Carol Alexander, Vice-Chairman  
Chuck Bleth  
Scott Buck  
Michael Arrington  
Dan Hunter

**DBS Staff Members Present:**

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator  
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator, Operations  
Janice Foster, Deputy Administrator, Administration  
Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General  
Rod Freligh, Regional Manager, Region 1  
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3  
Dave Decker, Financial Specialist  
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

**Board Members Absent:**

Bobby Ball  
Dennis Schaffner  
Jan Welch  
Mike Tracy

◆ **Open Forum**

No items or concerns were brought forth.

◆ **Approval of the February 14, 2012 Agenda**

**MOTION:** Scott Buck made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Michael Arrington seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the October 11, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Carol Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Scott Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Energy Code Presentation**

In September 2011, the Office of Energy Resources transferred the majority of their residential energy programs to DBS. Jerry Peterson, HVAC and Residential Energy Program Manager, introduced himself and the types of training the Division has and will continue to provide to the HVAC industry.

Eight area high schools were awarded energy equipment through a grant under the "Go Green" program. Mr. Peterson has been asked to help develop curriculum; incorporating energy codes and energy efficiency into the school's residential construction programs.

◆ **Proposed Code Change – IBC Section 903.2.7**

Andrew Bick reiterated the background on the proposed change to the International Building Code (IBC) section 903.2.7.

At the 2012 legislature session, State Fire Marshal Mark Larson submitted a pending rule that would amend the section of the 2009 International Fire Code (IFC) with the verbiage reflected in the proposed change to IBC section 903.2.7 and the 2012 IFC. The rule passed the House Business Subcommittee, Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee, and House Business Committee and will become effective upon sine die of the session.

For cohesiveness between the IFC and IBC, the Board was asked to proceed with the change in the IBC as a temporary rule.

**MOTION:** Carol Alexander made a motion that as of today, February 14, 2012, the Board's intention is to move forward with a temporary rule on the code change to IBC Section 903.2.7 at the April 10, 2012 meeting. Scott Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Deputy Administrator Report**

State Building Inspections – DBS has assumed responsibility for performing building inspections on state projects. The building program staff was introduced.

DBS Building Program – Overall, the Division's building program continues to be challenged by lack of work and low revenue.

Proposed Legislation and Rules – HB 407 changes the organizational structure of the Division from pre-existing bureau chief to regional manager format. The bill is being considered by the House Business Committee.

The majority of the Division's rules have moved forward. However, anything that pertains to the adoption of new codes or additional fees is difficult to get approved by the legislature.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Administrative Staff – As of January 23, 2012, DBS Financial Manager Kirk Weiskircher has accepted a position with the Idaho Department of Administration as Chief Financial Officer.

Financial Report – Dave Decker reviewed the Idaho Building Code fund FY 2012 financial statements as of December 31, 2011.

Budget – Included in the budget is a reduction of ten additional authorized full-time personnel. If approved by the 2012 legislature, the Division's authorized strength will be reduced to 131 employees.

Personnel – In 2007, the Division was authorized 152 full-time positions. As of today, there are 101 employees working for DBS.

Wind Farms – The assembly of wind farms across the state of Idaho has become a source of revenue for DBS, specifically the electrical program.

Boise State University (BSU) Projects – The proposed expansion of BSU’s football stadium will consist of: 1) new football training facility and locker rooms at north end, 2) current end zone bleachers to be moved to new track facility (currently under construction), 3) temporary bleachers placed at end zones, and eventually, 4) new permanent seating at end zones and in area currently occupied by the track.

Tribe Contracts – DBS has contracts with the Coeur d’Alene, Nez Perce, and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to provide plan review and building, electrical, HVAC, and plumbing inspections. The following projects are under construction: Coeur d’Alene – medical and transportation facilities, Nez Perce – expansion of casino, and Shoshone/Bannock – casino/hotel complex with recreational facility to include aquatic center.

◆ **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

◆ **Executive Session**

An executive session was not required.

**MOTION:** Chuck Bleth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. (MT).

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ANDREW BICK, CHAIRMAN  
IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD

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C. KELLY PEARCE, ADMINISTRATOR  
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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