

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD  
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

**Tuesday – February 19, 2013 – 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 1, Suite 4, Pocatello, Idaho**

NOTE: The following report is not 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  
Dennis Schaffner  
Jeff Garro  
Michael Arrington  
Dan Hunter  
Jan Welch

**DBS Staff Members Present:**

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator  
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator-Operations  
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator-Administration  
Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General  
Kathleen Watkins, Financial Manager  
Arlan Smith, Program Manager  
Rod Freligh, Regional Manager, Region 1  
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3  
Terry Blessing, Regional Supervisor, Region 1  
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

**Board Members Absent:**

Mike Tracy

◆ **Open Forum**

DBS Website – It was expressed the Division's website is difficult to navigate; specifically the negotiated rulemaking page and form.

◆ **Approval of the February 19, 2013 Agenda**

**MOTION:** Dan Hunter made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Scott Buck and Dennis Schaffner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the October 9, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes**

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

◆ **Energy Code/IRC Requirements**

The following recommendations were presented by the collaborative committee:

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) – **2012 IECC**, primarily amends back to 2009; **Air Leakage and Lighting**, amends back to 2009; **Log Home**, amendment remains in 2009; and **Mechanical**, remains in 2012 (handout).

Code Cycles – No agreement could be reached to change the code cycles from three to six years.

International Residential Code (IRC) – Steve Martinez, Idaho Building Contractors Association, established a committee; going through the significant changes to the IRC (handout).

***Mechanical Ventilation***, no longer mandatory with rollback air change to seven; however, keep mechanical ventilation provisions as an option; ***Garage Fire Sprinklers***, remove – does not require sprinklers to be installed within garages and only applies for an entire subdivision where all dwellings are sprinkled; ***Fire Protection of Floors***, remove – cost an issue; however, anticipated opposition from fire code officials should section be removed; ***Simplified Wall Bracing***, submit as a code amendment for approval as an approved alternative design and method of construction; and ***Energy Code – Chapter 11***, remove entirely and reference the IECC residential chapters.

It was suggested a section on cost analysis be included in the negotiated rulemaking form on the Division's website.

To be considered for review at the Board's April 16th meeting, proposals need to be completed and submitted to DBS by April 6, 2013. Proposals must accompany the form on the Division's website and be in legislative format.

Ken Baker will choose dates for the collaborative committee to meet and create proposals.

**ACTION:** Proposals need to be submitted to DBS by April 6th in order to be considered for review at the Board's April 16th meeting.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

Building Safety Program – The program has faced a few challenges; however, is getting through those issues due to the high quality of personnel.

Remodel – Meridian High School is in the process of undertaking a major remodel and addition to its building. This is a substantial project for DBS as it will provide the plan review.

Contract – The Division has entered into a contract with the city of Hailey to provide building code inspections and plan review.

◆ **Deputy Administrator Report**

Legislation – The administrative rules to adopt the 2012 International Building Code and International Existing Building Code, as well as amend other codes, have been reviewed and approved by the Germaine Committees. Estimated effective date is the first of 2014.

A rule establishing requirements for manufactured home installation inspections has also been reviewed and approved by the Germaine Committees. DBS anticipates it will take effect upon adjournment with a practical implementation this summer, 2013.

Collaborative Groups – DBS hopes to further leverage the Building Code Collaborative group to work on the 2014 National Electrical Code. Another collaborative group will be created to work on the mechanical codes.

To be included in the mechanical code committee’s contact list, provide an e-mail address to the HVAC Program Manager.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Report – The Idaho Building Code fund, FY 2013 financial statement as of December 31, 2012, was reviewed.

Upon comparison of the first seven months of FY 2013 to the first seven months of FY 2012, inspections are up 12% and revenue by 20%.

Legislature – The Board and collaborative group were asked to show support at the legislature when proposed building rules are presented.

Salmon School – The Salmon School District has made application to the Cooperative Panel to consider assistance in building a new school in Salmon. The panel will meet on Friday, February 22, 2013.

Budget Hearing – The Division presented its budget proposal to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

Idaho Construction – Following is new and existing construction in Idaho: New corporate headquarters, Melaleuca Wellness Company, Idaho Falls; new Loves Travel Centers, Bonneville County; completion of hotel and possible water park and golf course, Shoban Tribe, Pocatello; expansion of ten additional lines at Chobani yogurt plant, Twin Falls; expansion of gaming facility and additional rooms to hotel, Kootenai Tribe, Bonners Ferry; 14,000 square foot expansion of gaming facility, Nez Perce Tribe, Lewiston; and new rest stop/truck stop facility, Winchester.

◆ **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Chuck Bleth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Schaffner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 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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