

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Tuesday – February 18, 2014 – 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
Chuck Bleth
Scott Buck
Dennis Schaffner
Mike Tracy
Dan Hunter
Jason Blais
Travis Beck

DBS Staff Members Present:

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator-Operations
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator-Administration
Arlan Smith, Program Manager
Terry Blessing, Regional Manager, Region 1
Adam Bowcutt, Regional Supervisor, Region 3
Bill Hatch, Public Information Officer
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

Board Members Absent:

Jan Welch, P.E.
Michael Arrington

DBS Staff Members Absent:

Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General
Kathleen Watkins, Financial Manager
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3

◆ **Open Forum**

No items or concerns were brought forth.

◆ **Approval of the February 18, 2014 Agenda**

The question was asked why the topics *Residential Home Tightness/Mechanical Ventilation* and *Residential Minimum Ventilation Rates* were removed from the agenda.

The two topics are related to air quality issues in buildings. Gas companies and other providers were concerned there was dialog with the industry without having the opportunity to respond. DBS is working to formalize a group, like the collaborative, to discuss the subject.

MOTION: Dan Hunter made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Tracy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the October 15, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

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

◆ **Election of Officers**

Idaho Code 39-4106(2) requires the Board to elect by majority vote a chairman every two years. The Board decided to elect a vice-chairman as well.

MOTION: Mike Tracy made a motion to nominate Andrew Bick for chairman. Dan Hunter seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Dan Hunter made a motion to nominate Scott Buck for vice-chairman. Mike Tracy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Idaho Residential Building Code**

As an informational item, Steve Martinez, Building Contractors Association (BCA) representative, brought forth proposed legislation by the BCA task force to adopt the current version of both the International Residential Building Code and International Energy Conservation Code and identify those codes as the Idaho Residential Building Code and the Idaho Energy Conservation Code. Any future editions or amendments to the code would be made through the Idaho Building Code Board and the negotiated rulemaking process.

A lengthy discussion ensued with several of the audience and board members voicing their concerns of not being included in the BCA task force and creation of the proposed legislation.

◆ **Legislative Update**

The nine rule dockets, as addressed at the October 15, 2013 meeting, have been approved by the Germaine Committees in both the House and Senate.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

Plan Reviews – As of January 1, 2014, the building program has completed approximately 35 plan reviews. Currently, the state is not building any new buildings; therefore, the projects are remodels, additions, upgrades, re-roofs, etc.

Building Program Staff – The program has two plans examiners and four building inspectors. Three of the building inspectors spend a significant amount of their time providing inspections for other jurisdictions.

2012 Code – Since the first of January, the program has been using the 2012 codes with no serious issues, concerns or troubles.

◆ **Operational Report**

In-Plant Inspections – The responsibility of in-plant inspections on manufactured homes falls under the Idaho Building Code Board, not the Manufactured Housing Board. DBS has two employees designated to the program; however, the program seems to be transitioning more to the use of modular units rather than manufactured homes.

Installation Inspections – DBS has started, and is responsible on a statewide basis, a program relative to the inspection of manufactured home installations in Idaho. Local jurisdictions provide the majority of inspections; however, in areas where there is no approved local program the Division furnishes the inspections.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Magnolia Nitrogen Idaho LLC "Magnida" – Magnida, a Houston-based fertilizer company, plans to build a plant in the American Falls area to convert natural gas into ammonia (liquid) fertilizer.

Financial Report – The Idaho Building Code fund, FY 2014 financial statement as of January 31, 2014, was reviewed.

School Projects – The administrator discussed the issue in the Salmon and North Gem School Districts with school bonds and schools with an imminent hazard in need of repair or replacement.

Per Capita Production – Information from July 2010 to January 2014, based on quarterly per capita production for each full-time DBS employee, was provided.

◆ **Adjournment**

MOTION: Dennis Schaffner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Blais seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. (MT).

ANDREW BICK, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD

C. KELLY PEARCE, ADMINISTRATOR
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