

Johnson County Building Officials Association

Minutes of the February 19, 2010 Meeting

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Meeting Date: February 19, 2010 - 12:00 P.M

Location: St. Andrews Golf Course Clubhouse, Overland Park

Minutes

- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM. There were 20 in attendance.
- 2) **Approval of meeting minutes:** January minutes were submitted. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Eirene O. with a second from John H. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer's report:** Eirene O. provided the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$ 7999.69. Deposits from membership dues totaled \$775.00. During the month there were \$291.61 in expenses with an ending balance of \$8483.08. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jim J. with a second from Steve C. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4) **Associate announcements:** Sean R. revisited the need for the group to provide an endorsement to the Jo. Co. Contractor Licensing Board for a new candidate to fill Jim J's expired BO position. Following discussions concerning qualifications needed, Bill S. volunteered to be considered. This was followed with a motion by Eirene O. to proceed with Bill's recommendation. John H. seconded which was followed by a unanimous approval vote.
- 5) **Old Business:** Dave U. provided an overview of his nail/staple specification table. This accumulation of technical information was provided as a result of comments made by Dave at our January meeting where he expressed concerns that code compliance was not being met due to the use of air gun installations. A good deal of conversation was generated during the discussion regarding fastener requirements for braced wall panels. David Elliott of Construction and Planning Services expressed concern with cost/quality issues related to the BWP requirements. David E. will be discussing the BWP issues with the HBA and will report back at the March meeting. Doug Heinen with Straub Construction indicated these requirements presented few problems to his Co., and could be dealt with through minor framing layout modifications.

Comments regarding the exceptional high quality of Dave U's well written document culminated in the decision that the JO. CO. BO. Assoc. should endorse the table, and place on their website. Jim J. motioned the same, with a second from Tim R. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6) **New Business:** Jim J. led the group in an extensive conversation relevant to energy code compliance issues. An encapsulated summary of these discussions follows:
 - a. Jim J. provided a worksheet which compares surrounding jurisdictional adoption/enforcement efforts. It's his feeling that as Building Officials we may not be fulfilling our obligations to the public in the area of enforcement of energy codes.
 - b. Governor's of all 50 states will comply with Obama's Recovery and Reinvestment act within 8 yrs. (2017).
 - c. A bill has been submitted in the Missouri Legislature to require compliance with the R & R act by 2011.

- d. Tim R. sits on a State of Kansas committee that is looking at how Kansas will comply. Per Tim, the group will be meeting in March and one of the problems they are struggling with is how to spend the approximately 7 million \$'s the state has received (needs reported back to the fed's).
- e. Tim R. stated that at the national level there are 3 legislative bills that contain issues related to energy codes. Per Tim, the ICC Governmental Rep reports that the energy code "stuff" is likely to survive. Two of these bills recognize the ICC codes with the 3rd bill requiring the EPA to write a national energy code.
- f. Jim J. commented on the 2006 IRC requirement to use ASHRE manuals J & D when designing residential HVAC systems. In-depth discussions followed related to these documents and their relationship to plan submittal, plan review, inspection procedures, and training needs. Tim R. will be checking on the availability of training moneys.
- g. Tim R. suggested that a group be formed to discuss energy code issues and begin the process to develop a model that all jurisdictions could use when enforcing these codes. Jim J. will lead, with Tim R., Sean R, Herb, and others indicating a desire to also be involved.
- h. Energy code conversations ended with comments from Tim R. and Steve T. regarding the need for BO's to band together to help each other when attempting to adopt new codes.

Other areas of **NEW Business** discussed included a report from Tim R. giving an update on several state level legislative bills that are important to all BO's. Possibly the most important being HB 2515 dealing with residential fire suppression requirements. This bill was defeated in the final action vote by a 2 vote margin, 62 no, 60 yes. This issue could perhaps (not likely) resurface in another bill at a later date. Another bill of significant importance is HB 2590 dealing with medical gas system install requirements related to certified installers. HB 383 would eliminate the requirement to submit school drawings to the State Board of Education Architect for review. They wouldn't have to submit to anyone. This bill is being promoted by the Governors office as the result of the Board of Ed position being eliminated. There seems to be some indication that the State Fire Marshals office might be trying to gain control of these plan review duties. It's not completely clear at this time where this bill might be going. Tim will continue to monitor this and other bills.

John H. discussed the proposed forthcoming (April) EPA regulations dealing with lead paint and jurisdictional plans to enforce these requirements. The timeline for enforcing these pending requirements is unclear at this time. Per Sean R., KDHE has informed some jurisdictions in the Wichita area that they will require permit records on permits that were issued for projects associated with single family dwelling and duplex's constructed before Jan. 1, 1978 and any public housing projects. There are numerous questions as to the enforcement/legal ramification that may be placed on the local jurisdictions in dealing with this issue.

- 7) **Code Chat:** Dave U. discussed a foam product called "FIREBLOCK" that is being used for firestopping/draftstopping/fireblocking. Following several minutes of discussion it was decided that Dave would put together a list of products and include their flame spread and smoke development ratings along with code criteria and indicate which products do/don't meet code requirements. Dave will email to everyone.
- 8) **Set Date for Next Meeting:** Meeting to be held at St. Andrew's Golf Club, 11099 W. 135th St., Overland Park, KS, on March 16, 2010 at 12:00 PM.
- 9) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Herb Warren, CBO
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