

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA PLUMBING COMMISSION
DLR Avenue Conference Room, 217 W Missouri Ave, Pierre SD
Thursday, April 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m. CDT / 8:00 a.m. MDT

Chairman Payton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Payton called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Duane Levanen, Alex Payton, Bill Werner

Members Absent: James Bailey, Larry Kindle

Others Present: Nina Ripley, Executive Director; Carol Ames, Secretary, Amber Mulder, Legal (via Teams); Daryl Aston, Inspector; Roy Boone, Inspector; Ron Healy, Inspector; Joe Vermeulen, Inspector; Corey Foster, Inspector; Kristie Brunick, Executive VP, SD PHCC

Werner made a motion to approve the February 18, 2022, meeting minutes. Levanen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Public comments: Kristie Brunick, SD PHCC gave an update on the completion of the 18 Continuing Education classes held in March 2022.

Treasurer's Report for January, February, and March 2022 were presented to the commission members and acknowledged.

Application's Received Report for January, February, and March 2022 were presented to the commission members and acknowledged.

Inspection Report for January, February, and March 2022 were presented to the commission members. Levanen moved to approve the Inspection Report. Werner seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Inspector's Aston, Boone, Healy and Vermeulen all reported their districts are busy and going to get busier with the warmer weather ahead.

Director Ripley introduced the new Northeast Inspector, Corey Foster from Chester. Inspector Foster told a little bit about his work history and ready to step into his new phase of life.

Director Ripley discussed the redistricting of the state for the Inspector's coverage. Another FTE Inspector will be getting filled soon. This should elevate that work load on the inspectors and be able to cover their territories in a timelier manner.

Director Ripley reported that the adoption of the 2021 UPC Code did not pass during the 2022 Legislative Session.

Director Ripley present materials on a Mifabs "Thermal Expansion Device" by NCS Corporation asking of the Plumbing Commission will approve this product. This product is IAPMO approved it can replace the thermal expansion tank and shut off valve. After much discussion Werner

moved to approve the product use in South Dakota. Levanen seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion was brought up to require apprentices to take continuing education as it is a good learning tool for the trade. Additionally, the concern of 5th and 6th year apprentices working in supervisory positions without the plumber exam/license. Director Ripley will check into this and bring her findings to the board in the July meeting.

Werner moved to have the next board meeting via Teams on Thursday, July 28, 2022. Levanen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Levanen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Werner seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Nina Ripley, Executive Director

Alex Payton, Chairman