

**Meeting Minutes**  
**South Dakota State Plumbing Commission**  
Missouri River Plaza, Sharpe Conference Room  
123 W. Missouri Ave., Pierre, SD 57501  
April 26, 2017

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Chris Moore called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Dave Hanson, Chris Moore, Mark Rogers, Dave Baumberger

**Members Absent:** Todd McCaskell

**Others Present:** Nina Ripley, Executive Director; Jordan Cromwell, Secretary; Graham Oey, Legal; Inspectors: Joe Vermeulen, Jerry Johnson, Ron Healy, Richard Steen, Jim Borth; Mike Richards, Pierre; Ken Melius, PHCC; Brad Bilka, Pine Tree Plumbing

Review of the minutes from commission meeting held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. No questions or changes were made. Baumberger moved to approve the minutes. Hanson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Treasurer's report was presented to the commission. President Moore asked for any questions or comments on the report. Report was acknowledged.

Applications received and recorded for January, February, and March 2018 were presented to the commission. Rogers moved to approve the applications. Baumberger seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Inspection Reports for January, February, and March 2018 were presented to the commission. Hanson moved to approve the reports. Baumberger seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Reports from Inspectors:

- Borth
- Healy
- Johnson
- Steen
- Vermeulen

Executive Directors Report

- Director Ripely brought forth to the commission the proposed rule changes to the plumbing code.
- Director Ripely informed the commission that Chris Moore and Todd McCaskell have been appointed to another term on the Plumbing Commission Board.
- Director Ripley presented three applications for license to the commission for review: Joseph Clark Weinert, Java; Glen Meinke, Ethan and Clay Heidrich, Buffalo. Upon

review of the applications, the commission voted to approve all three applicants to take the Restricted Sewer and Water Contractor exam.

- Director Ripley informed the commission of the StateReporting.com project being launched for the office staff to view and approve CE Providers as they apply, continuing education providers go in site and provide their courses for approval and plumbers will be able to utilize the on-line CE for future use if they choose this route.
- Director Ripely updated the commission on sustainable homes becoming more popular across South Dakota.

#### Reports from the Commission

- Rogers – None.
- Hanson – None.
- Moore – None.
- Baumberger – brought forth concerns about low permitting fees and the need for more plumbing inspectors.

Guest: Ken Meluis-SD PHCC – Updated the commission on the apprenticeship program developed by the South Dakota Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling Contractors Association available to the public.

Next quarterly board meeting set for Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Location to be selected.

Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 A.M. Baumberger seconded the motion.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nina Ripley, Executive Director

Approved:

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Christopher Moore, Commission Chairperson