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**PLUMBING COMPETENCY BOARD
MINUTES
May 30, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Plumbing Competency Board was held May 30, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the Okaloosa County Administrative Building, 1250 Eglin Parkway N., first floor BCC Chambers, Shalimar, Florida. Board members in attendance were Julian Johnson, David Cummins, and Thomas Paccone. Consumer Representatives in attendance were Don Bafundo and Bill Byerley. Jerry Paul Cadenhead was not present.

Okaloosa County Department of Growth Management Staff members in attendance were Renée Lucas, Licensing Specialist; and Teresa Mullins, Administrative Asst. II.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Renée Lucas called the meeting to order and informed the Board that neither the Chairman nor Vice-Chairman were present; therefore the Board would have to appoint a Chairman Pro Tem for this meeting.

Motion to appoint Buddy Johnson Chairman Pro Tem made by Don Bafundo; second by David Cummins. Mr. Johnson accepted the nomination and was approved unanimously.

A. Roll Call.

Ms. Teresa Mullins conducted roll call.

II. ACKNOWLEDGE GUESTS:

Chairman Pro Tem Johnson welcomed the guests.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF

a. March 28, 2018:

Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Don Bafundo; seconded by David Cummins; approved unanimously.

IV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC STATEMENT

Chairman Pro Tem Johnson noted that the meeting is open to the public.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Allan L. Spodnik:

Ms. Lucas informed the Board that Allan Spodnik appeared before the Board at their March 28, 2018 meeting seeking an extension to his testing deadline to allow him to take his Master Plumbing with Gas Contractor's exam. Ms. Lucas stated that, at the March meeting the Board made and approved the following motion:

Motion that Mr. Spodnik receives approval to test for an additional 90 days made by Don Bafundo; second by David Cummins; approved unanimously.

Ms. Lucas informed the Board that Mr. Spodnik took and passed the Master Plumbing with Gas examination on April 12, 2018 which completed all of the required examinations needed to submit his application to the Okaloosa County Department of Growth Management for his County Competency Card as well as to the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation (DBPR) for this State Registered Master Plumbing with Gas contractor's license.

b. Update on Johnny D. Sparks

Ms. Lucas informed the Board that Mr. Johnny Sparks appeared before the Board at their March 28, 2018 meeting seeking the reinstatement of his Okaloosa County Master Plumbing with Gas Competency Card. Ms. Lucas stated that, at the March meeting the Board made and approved the following motion:

Motion to approve with 30 days to make payment of all fees made by Buddy Johnson; Second by David Cummins; motion approved 5 ayes, 1 nay (Bill Byerley).

Ms. Lucas further informed the Board that on April 23, 2018, Mr. Sparks paid, in cash, all back fees and penalties, totaling \$2,936.23, as required by this Board's order. Ms. Lucas stated that, per the Division of Corporations website, Mr. Sparks has set up his company as JDS Plumbing LLC. Ms. Lucas further stated that Mr. Sparks still has to submit the required documents to staff in order to receive his County Competency Card as well as submit to the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation in order to get his Master Plumbing with Gas State Registered contractor's license.

A brief discussion ensued.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Swearing In Applicants/Speakers

Ms. Mullins swore in the applicants present.

b. Candidates for Testing Approval:

1. James C. Crum – Irrigation Sprinkler Contractor

Mr. James Crum introduced himself to the Board stating that he was seeking approval to take the test for an Irrigation Sprinkler Contractor.

The Board had no questions for Mr. Crum.

Motion to allow him to move forward made by David Cummins; second by Bill Byerley; approved unanimously.

2. Michael W. Johns – Master Plumbing with Gas Contractor

Mr. Michael Johns introduced himself to the Board stating that he was seeking approval to take the test for a Master Plumbing with Gas License.

Mr. Thomas Paccone noted that that Mr. Johns application states that he took a trade class but it wasn't in plumbing.

Mr. Johns stated that the course he took was in HVAC; however, he has been working in an "elite position" in the plumbing trade for the past year and a half.

Motion to allow him to move forward with the process made by Don Bafundo; second by Bill Byerley; approved unanimously.

A brief discussion ensued.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Lucas reminded the Board that information was presented to them by Ms. Patty Cook regarding the new process being used to appoint members to various County Boards in addition to the requirements already in place in County Ordinance. Ms. Lucas stated that Mr. Mark Parrett is the first renewing Board member to have to go through this new process so staff hopes to learn more about the time and effort required from Mr. Parrett. Ms. Lucas noted that staff was informed by the County Administrators Office that a location for fingerprinting has been set up in Shalimar.

Mr. David Cummins asked staff if they didn't have concern about maintaining unpaid, volunteer Board memberships, given the extreme new vetting process that is now required at the behest of the Board of County Commissioners.

Ms. Lucas stated that staff's concerns were expressed to those in charge of the issue prior to the approval of the BCC policy.

Chairman Pro Tem Johnson asked what would happen if no sitting Board members choose to serve another term.

Ms. Lucas stated that staff wasn't sure what would happen because no one else expires until 2019. Ms. Lucas noted that, if there are no Competency Boards, then applicants like those who appeared today, would have to find another County to test through, just like those who work in Walton County, which does not offer testing. Ms. Lucas informed the Board that one of the applicants before them at this meeting chose to test through Okaloosa because of the testing agency that we use. Ms. Lucas noted that the single complaint staff has received regarding PROV, is actually aimed at the call center where

the books are ordered, not the actual testing service. Ms. Lucas stated that staff is very pleased with the new testing agency in every way.

A brief discussion ensued.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Byerley; Second by Don Bafundo; approved unanimously.

Prepared by: *Teresa A. Mullins*
Teresa Mullins, Recording Secretary
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