

**Plumbing Board
Green Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2009**

**Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) – Minnesota Room
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Members Present:

Rebecca Ames
Lawrence G. Justin
Mike McGowan
John A. Parizek
Jim Peterson (DLI Commissioner's designee)

Members Absent:

Steve Christenson

Board Members Present:

Allen Lamm
Karl Abrahamson

Staff Present:

Cathy Tran
Wendy Legge
Annette Trnka
Jim Lungstrom
Colleen Erickson
Brad Erickson
Brian Noma (MDH)

Visitors:

Luther Westman
Tom Romundstad
Craig Johnson
John Watson
Tom Hamel
Doug Hall
Bob Wolf

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Parizek at 1:34 p.m.

- i. Announcements were made and introductions were done.

II. Approval of Agenda

Justin made a motion, seconded by McGowan, to approve the meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

III. Approval of the August 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Justin made a motion, seconded by McGowan, to approve the February 27, 2009 meeting Minutes, as amended. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

IV. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Expense Reports – The Chair stated he had reviewed the expense reports and Per Diems and found them in order and declared them approved.

V. Special Business

- A. Request For Action (RFA) items
 - i. Amend 4715 to include Non-water Urinals. Submitted 07/03/08 by Falcon Waterfree Technologies (File PB0034) – Mr. Tom Hamel of Falcon/Sloan Technologies reviewed the letter sent March 16th with its accompanying documentation. The Committee could put together concepts that they would like to have draft language based on. Peterson stated that there would be some changes to the proposed language from Department staff. Peterson also stated they would be drafting another Chapter to the Plumbing Code. He went on to state that the Department drafts language that is in form which is ready to go to the Revisor's office.

Parizek made a motion, seconded by Justin, that the draft of proposed language regarding rules on waterless urinals be turned over to the Department for revision. The Department will tentatively be presenting the draft language to the May or June Product and Code Review Committee meeting. The Chair will send an e-mail to all Board members with the proposed RFA PB0034 language requesting their comments be directed to the Department for consideration. Comments must be made by the April 21, 2009 Plumbing Board meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The next quarterly Board meeting after April is July 21st. The revised RFA PB0034 language should be drafted by the May or June Committee meeting, to be referred to the Board for its July meeting. Mr. Hamel stated he would like a courtesy copy in advance.

The Committee members provided the following recommendations be looked at:

- a. The supply branch and water service is sized based on a water-supplied urinal.
- b. Dilution of the waste stream.
- c. Justin recommends that the RFA PB0034 submitted language under 4715.1415, item 4, be struck.
- d. The Department should look at the replacement of existing water-fed urinals.
- e. The Department should review dead-ends of water distribution systems.

- f. The Department should address replacement of third-party or manufacturer approved parts.
- g. Review 4715.1415, item 3, address enforcement.
- h. Should the replacement of the cartridges be included in the definition of plumbing?

Justin made a motion, seconded by Parizek, that when Department proposed language is drafted, a courtesy copy be given to the Presenter as well as the Board/Committee members. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The meeting broke at 2:53 and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

- B. Updates on Senate File #74 and/or House File #500. Brian Soderholm of Water Control Corporation was meeting with Senator Jungbauer today, and an update is not yet available.
- C. Update on RFA's reviewed in past Committee Meetings
 - i. Amend 4715 to include Rainwater Harvesting for Urban Reuse. Submitted 7/02/08 by Water Control Corporation (File PB0033). This item was tabled.
 - ii. Amend 4715 to include Uniform Plumbing Code, Chapter 16, part 1 (1601.01602.0) Gray water systems. Received 1-04-08 (File PB0024) – Minnesota Pipe Trades. This item was tabled.
 - iii. Amend 4715 to include Uniform Plumbing Code, Chapter 16, part II (1613.01622) Reclaimed water systems. Received 1-04-08 (File PB0025) – Minnesota Pipe Trades. There have been no updates and no new information has been received by the time of this meeting.
- D. Other – There were no further items.

VI. Open Forum

There were no further requests for Open Forum.

VII. Discussion

- A. New Request For Action items. There have been no new RFAs submitted to the Board. Parizek stated perhaps it would be appropriate to send a notification of PB0024 and PB0025 that the RFAs are incomplete and to give them a time limit, such as 30 days, to respond.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:
 - i. To be determined.

XI. Adjournment

McGowan made a motion, seconded by Justin, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Parizek

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