

Residential and Manufactured Structures Board

Regular board meeting minutes

July 7, 2010

Members present: Ray Miller, Chairman
David DeHarpport, Vice-chair
Scott Caufield
Bruce Dobbs
Mike Goodrich
Kathryn Gray
Larry Hultberg
Douglas Lethin
John Mills

Members absent: Peter Bride
(Vacant position - Public member)

Staff present: Chris Huntington, manager, policy and technical services
Richard Rogers, structural program chief
Celina Paterson, manager, statewide services
Richard Baumann, policy analyst
Debi Barnes-Woods, boards coordinator

Guests present: Don Miner, Oregon Manufactured Housing Association
James Bela, president, Oregon Earthquake Awareness
Phil Damiano, past board member and energy board member

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Chairman Ray Miller called the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. following technical difficulties. The meeting was held at the Building Codes Division, Conference Room A, 1535 Edgewater Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

B. Roll call

Peter Bride was absent excused.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business

Chair Miller **RULED** the agenda and order of business approved.

D. Approval of the board meeting minutes of April 7, 2010

Douglas Lethin explained that he did not attend the April 7, 2010 board meeting due to his re-appointment was not yet confirmed.

Chair Miller **RULED** the regular meeting minutes of April 7, 2010 approved noting the reason Mr. Lethin did not attend the board meeting of April 7, 2010.

E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Chris Huntington brought to the boards attention that the October 6, 2010 scheduled board meeting may need to be rescheduled to a later date due to the review of the 2011 Oregon Residential Specialty Code document. Board members will be contacted and notification will be sent prior to October 6.

F. Formal farewell to member Phil Damiano, utility or energy supplier position.

Manager Huntington thanked Mr. Damiano for his dedicated service to the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board as well as the Construction Industry Energy Board.

Mr. Damiano was presented a plaque of appreciation signed by the Governor and a letter of thanks for his dedicated service from the Administrator of Building Codes Division Patrick Allen.

G. Welcome new member Bruce Dobbs, utility or energy supplier position

Mr. Dobbs was welcomed to the board and it was noted that he had formerly served on the Building Codes Structures Board for eight years. Mr. Dobbs said that he is looking forward to serving on this board.

II. Public comment

James Bela, president and founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness, discussed the seismic grant programs. He noted that the new rounds of applications are being received in July.

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division report

Manager Huntington reported on the content of the [BCD Update packet](#).

HB 3462 has 2 major components related to inspector certification:

- Phase 1 included establishing renewal periods and fees for certifications. The rule went into effect July 1, 2010 with the first renewal cycle beginning November 2010, then every 3 years.

- Phase II authorizes the division to create a pilot program to develop specialized inspector certifications and training. A committee was formed in April and is meeting regularly.

Manager Huntington noted that the Construction Industry Energy Board met June 29, 2010 to review and make recommendations to the 2010 Oregon Solar Installation Code. He noted that the code will go forward to public hearing in August.

Manager Huntington said that since Mr. Damiano was also a member of the Construction Industry Energy Board, members of this board will need to vote for a representative at the next meeting to fill the vacant position. Any potential member must have practical experience in the residential structure industry.

Manager Huntington noted that [Senate Bill 79](#) requires the division, with the appropriate board, to develop and periodically update an Oregon Reach Code related to energy efficiency. The bill calls for the director to review generally accepted codes and standards that achieve greater energy efficiency and to review the technical components of generally accepted construction documents. Provisions in this code will be specifically evaluated for inclusion in the statewide code in the next code change cycle.

Aeron Teverbaugh, green building policy analyst, explained that the reach code itself will act as a statewide alternate method. The code is an optional code, which will be used as a comprehensive set of construction standards. Ms. Teverbaugh explained that the development of the reach code remains ongoing.

Manager Huntington reported that the effective date for the 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code, 2010 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code, and the 2010 Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code was July 1, 2010.

Scott Caufield asked how a county is to identify a problem with radon gas. Manager Huntington said that legislation identified seven counties where mitigation standards adopted by the division would have to be applied. Manager Huntington noted that the first step will be to develop a radon mitigation standard for residential structures.

B. Program update

Manager of Statewide Services Celina Patterson used the [BCD Update packet](#) to give an overview of the manufactured structures program.

IV. Communications

A. Overview of the manufactured structure and RV programs

Richard Baumann, policy analyst, gave a report referring to [handouts](#) distributed prior to the start of the meeting. Mr. Baumann explained that the Federal Government, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), establishes construction standards for manufactured housing in all states. Oregon is an approved State Administrative Agency (SAA) who operates the HUD program to the fullest extent. Mr. Baumann did note however, that installers are required to have a license along with required [continuing education](#), which is under the authority of this board.

Mr. Baumann explained that Oregon Revised Statutes [446](#) requires the division to adopt minimum safety standards for the manufacture, conversion, alteration or repair of recreational vehicles.

Oregon Administrative Rules [918-600](#) and [918-650](#) establishes minimum requirements for design and construction of parks applicable statewide.

B. 2011 Oregon Residential Specialty Code adoption update

Structural Program Chief Richard Rogers noted that the code change committee has met a few times to review proposed changes to the residential code. Once the committee has completed its work, the proposed code will be forwarded to this board for review and to make recommendations to the administrator for public hearing. The 2011 Oregon Residential Specialty Code is scheduled to be effective July 1, 2011.

V. Appeals – None

VI. Unfinished business - None

VII. New business - None

VIII. Announcements – None

IX. Adjournment

Chair Miller adjourned the board meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debi Barnes, Division Boards Coordinator