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| Agenda Item I.D |
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**Residential and Manufactured Structures Board
Regular board meeting minutes
April 10, 2015**

Members present: Jan Lewis, Chair, residential structural contractor
Bruce Dobbs, Vice-chair, utility/energy supplier
Richard Bonheimer, seller or distributor of new manufactured dwellings
John Chmelir, multi-family contractor
Kathryn Gray, home designer
Tonya Halog, structural engineer
Emily Kemper, public member
Douglas Lethin, remodeler residential structural contractor
John Mills, residential building trade sub-contractor
Rebai Tamerhoulet, building official

Members absent: Vacant, manufacturer of manufactured dwellings

Staff present: Brett Salmon, manager, Policy and Technical Services
Shane Sumption, manager, Field Services and Statewide Services
Rex Turner, structural program chief, Policy and Technical Services
Todd Smith, policy analyst, Policy and Technical Services
Mark Heizer, P.E., energy and mechanical code specialist, Policy and Technical Services
Richard Baumann, policy analyst, Policy and Technical Services
Debi Barnes-Woods, boards administrator/coordinator, Policy and Technical Services

Guests present: Howard Asch, Oregon Home Builders Association (OHBA)

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Chair Jan Lewis called the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. The meeting was held at the Building Codes Division in Conference Room A, 1535 Edgewater Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

B. Roll call

Bruce Dobbs was connected by teleconference, all other members were present in Conference Room A.

This board has one vacancy: Manufacturer of manufactured dwellings.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business

Chair Lewis **RULED** the agenda approved.

D. Approval of the board meeting minutes of January 9, 2015

Chair Lewis **RULED** the meeting minutes of January 9, 2015, approved as written.

E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting

The next meeting date is scheduled for July 10, 2015.

II. Public comment - None

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division report

Brett Salmon, manager, Policy and Technical Services, reported on two legislative bills:

- [Senate Bill 133](#)
- [House Bill 2843](#)

Manager Salmon also introduced a new employee to Policy and Technical Services:

- Todd Smith, policy analyst

B. Residential program update

Rex Turner, structural program chief, Policy and Technical Services, briefly discussed training, types of customer calls received by the program, and preparations to answer questions on requirements for the new marijuana bill.

C. Manufactured structures program update

Shane Sumption, manager, Field Services, gave the manufactured home update.

IV. Communications

Update on Statewide Alternate Method No. 15-02; Electronic Snow Load Locator

Chief Turner explained that the 2013 map corrects the under-predicted snow load values at mid-elevations from the 2007 map.

V. Appeals – None

VI. Unfinished business – None

VII. New business

A. Board review and recommend to the Administrator proposed amendments to align federal requirements with the minimum SEER standards for residential heat pumps in the 2014 Oregon Residential Specialty Code

Mark Heizer, technical policy analyst, Policy and Technical Services, explained that the proposed amendment brings the 2014 Oregon Residential Specialty Code minimum energy efficiency standards for residential heat pumps into alignment with the current federal manufacturing requirements.

Chair Lewis said that as of January 1, 2015, manufacturers are manufacturing to the new standards. She said that existing stock will remain available for installation until depleted.

Motion by Tonya Halog to approve the proposed amendments to the residential equipment performance requirements for the 2014 ORSC and recommend them to the Administrator for public hearing and subsequent adoption, with the finding that the added cost, if any, is necessary to the health and safety of the occupants or the public or necessary to conserve scarce resources.

Motion carried unanimously

B. Board review and recommend to the Administrator proposed amendments to align the underground residential gas piping requirements in the 2014 Oregon Residential Specialty Code with the 2014 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code gas burial requirements

Chief Turner explained the Division is proposing to align the underground residential gas piping requirements of the ORSC more closely with the commercial code gas burial requirements.

Board members were concerned that the burial depth of the model code language does not align with the requirements of the gas companies. Chair Lewis said there is no language in this proposal that says the local utilities requirement supersedes this proposal. She asked if the language could be made clearer.

Bruce Dobbs suggested that he facilitate further discussions with the three major gas companies in Oregon at Northwest Natural Gas in Portland with Chief Turner.

Chair Lewis tabled this item to the next scheduled meeting.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

The RMSB meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Barnes-Woods/Boards Administrator/Coordinator