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Idaho Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Board

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**Minutes of 05/10/2023**

**Board Members Present:** Ted Sermon, Chair  
Bill Carter, Vice-Chair  
Mike LaPray  
Judy Van Cleave  
Garret Christoffersen

**Division Staff:** John Nielsen, Executive Officer  
Lea Kear, Legal Counsel  
Michael Hyde, Operations Manager  
Mike Paschall, Bldg. Safety Prog. Super.

**Board Members Absent:** Randy Hart

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM MT by Ted Sermon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 02/01/2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**DIVISION BUSINESS**

**Division Honoraria Policy:** Legal Counsel Kear presented the Division's Honoraria Policy.

**Refrigerant Transitions Letter:** The Refrigerant Transition letter was presented to the Board.

**Building, HVAC & 2018 Energy Code Discussion:** The Energy Code, as it pertains to the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) industry, was discussed. The question is whether the HVAC Board wants the Building Code Board (BCB) to continue to regulate the mechanical code sections of the energy code or bring those sections under its jurisdiction. If the HVAC Board does not want to adopt the mechanical sections, the BCB will move forward with amending the 2018 energy code. There was discussion to schedule a meeting with the Plumbing, HVAC, Building, and Electrical boards, as well as industry, to address the energy code and how it would impact each trade. The Board members were asked to provide ideas on what they would like a special meeting to look like. Board Member Christoffersen suggested forming a subcommittee and bringing a summary back to the HVAC Board. Operations Manager Hyde stated the Legislature wants all trade boards directly engaged in these decisions and will work on setting up meetings for each trade board, along with industry members, to participate in discussions regarding each of the parts of the energy code that pertain to their trade.

**Plumbing Code 1210.1.5 and IFGC 404.6 (Piping entering buildings):** Executive Officer Nielsen asked the Board to share their thoughts on pipes entering the building underground vs. above ground. The Plumbing Code was presented and discussed. Board Member Carter stated

he would like to keep the option to enter underground. Chairman Sermon stated several safety mechanisms are in place to prevent gas leaks from being a safety issue. Board Member Christoffersen stated he runs into this issue in commercial buildings. Chairman Sermon feels it would be good to have the option to go underground. A meeting of the Plumbing Board will be set up to further discuss this issue.

**Financial Report:** The Financial report was presented.

**Public Comment:** Jerry Stafford, College of Western Idaho, agrees with having the option to allow pipes to enter a building above or underground.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM MT.