

WORLAND BOARD OF CONTRACTORS
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2015

The Worland Board of Contractors met Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 5:00 PM at Worland City Hall Council Chambers. Members in attendance were, Chairman Matt Goncalves, Vice Chairman Mike Montoya III, Member Mark Decker, Member Joe Sterling, Member Jason Mocko, and Member Jeremy Carver. Also attending were, Building Official Ron Vanderpool, Clerk Sarah Firnekas and one (1) visitor.

Chairman Goncalves brought the meeting to order and asked for approval of the January 15, 2015 minutes.

Motion: To approve the January 15, 2015 minutes.

By: Member Sterling.

Second by: Vice Chairman Montoya.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Visitor Mike Langberg with Mike Langberg Construction introduced himself and stated he was attending to listen to the current information that the board was discussing.

Chairman Goncalves stated that term renewals for Member Carver and Member Decker were due.

Motion: to approve the renewal of Member Carver to serve another term on the WBC.

By: Member Decker.

Second by: Member Mocko.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the renewal of Member Decker to serve another term on the WBC.

By: Vice Chairman Montoya.

Second by: Member Sterling.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the 2015 code adoption; Building Official Vanderpool stated that if the board had any changes they would need to be submitted to City Council no later than August 2015. The board agreed that they are interested in attending a class that discusses the updates in the 2015 code. Building Official Vanderpool stated that the city would not cover the cost for the course; he will contact the International Code Council regarding the prices.

Chairman Goncalves stated that he had recently attended a City Council work session and there are some misconceptions to the current contractor license requirements. Chairman Goncalves asked if there was anything equivalent to the current requirements that could be accepted for licensing. The board discussed whether or not all contractors should be required to submit experience when licensing; the format would resemble that of the plumbing and HVAC contractors. Discussion followed.

Chairman Goncalves stated that a HVAC apprentice training program is soon to be available in Worland. The program is offered through Northwest College and individuals who complete the program will be certified as four (4) year apprentices.

The board agreed that an ad would be submitted to the local newspaper encouraging residents to obtain building permits and hire licensed contractors. The City of Worland will cover the ad fees.

Building Official Vanderpool stated that his contract is up for renewal in June of this year. Building Official Vanderpool stated that he is considering changing the structure of his duties for the City of Worland and would not handle the inspections any longer; an additional employee would handle the permits and inspections. Building Official Vanderpool stated that he would continue his services to Worland and this could possibly be done remotely with travel days to Worland scheduled in. Building Official Vanderpool explained to the board that this proposal would not take effect if the City Council did not approve it and asked for the board to contact him with any thoughts or objections.

The next WBC was scheduled for April 16th, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Matt Goncalves, Chairman

Sarah Firnekas, Clerk