

**Teller County Board of Review
September 7, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

I. **Convene.** Chairman Carl Andersen called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

A. **Roll Call.** Those answering roll call were:

- * Carl Andersen, Chairman
- * Jared Bischoff, Vice Chairman
- * Sonny Strobl
- * Jeff Smith
- * Steve McCann

* Voting members

Staff: Terry Brunette, Building Official
Olya Sharonova, Board Secretary
Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney
Lynda Morgan, Director of CDS

Carl Andersen stated that the Board of Review meetings are public and anyone wishing to speak must first address the Chairman.

Carl Andersen appointed alternate members Jeff Smith and Steve McCann as voting members for today's meeting.

B. **Review and Approve Minutes from the August 3, 2016 Meeting**

Sonny Strobl moved to approve the August 3, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Jeff Smith seconded.

Roll call vote:

Carl Andersen – abstained
Jared Bischoff – yes
Sonny Strobl – yes
Jeff Smith – yes
Steve McCann – abstained
The motion carried.

II. Contractor Licenses

A. Great Plains Structures, LLC/George Barr/Class A

Mr. George Barr present. Mr. Barr gave a brief overview of his building experience and recent work history.

Mr. Barr is applying for a Class A license in Teller County in order to install a water storage tank for Tranquil Acres. He has installed over 600 tanks in his 13 years as a general contractor.

There was further discussion between the applicant and the Board. The Board reviewed the submitted packet and asked Mr. Barr clarifying questions.

Mr. Barr explained that his company specializes in installation of water tanks, currently covering 8 of the United States and as many as 22 states in the past. BOR discussed issuing special limited license.

Carl Andersen opened this matter up for public comment. No public comment. Close public comment.

Paul Hurcomb indicated that the company's corporate records were in order with the State.

Jeff Smith moved to grant Great Plains Structures, LLC with George Barr as the examinee, a Class A license limited to storage tank installation. Carl Andersen seconded.

Roll call vote:

Carl Andersen – yes

Jared Bischoff – yes

Sonny Strobl – yes

Jeff Smith – yes

Steve McCann – yes

The motion carried.

B. Integrated Water Services, Inc./Jon Bopp/Class B

Mr. Jon Bopp present. Mr. Bopp gave a brief overview of his building experience and recent work history.

Mr. Bopp has over 14 years of experience in the construction industry. His company specializes in installation of water and waste treatment plans. Prior to working in this specialty field Mr. Bopp was a general contractor in the commercial industry building schools, colleges, equipment and medical buildings.

There was further discussion between the applicant and the Board. The Board reviewed the submitted packet and asked Mr. Bopp clarifying questions.

Mr. Bopp is currently building a 1,600 sq. ft. water treatment plant in Highland Lakes under a provisional license. BOR pointed out that the letters of reference need to address examinee by name and discussed issuing a special limited license.

Carl Andersen opened this matter up for public comment. No public comment. Close public comment.

Paul Hurcomb indicated that the company's corporate records were in order with the State.

Sonny Strobl moved to grant Integrated Water Services, Inc., with Jon Bopp as the examinee, a Class B license limited to water and waste water treatment plants and related structures, and conditioned upon providing 3 letters of reference in compliance with section 102.h of the Teller County Building Code, and along with this extending the applicant's provisional license though 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2016. Jeff Smith seconded.

Roll call vote:

Carl Andersen – yes

Jared Bischoff – yes

Sonny Strobl – yes

Jeff Smith – yes

Steve McCann – yes

The motion carried.

C. Wood Works Unlimited, Inc./Donald Hostetler/Class C

Mr. Donald Hostetler present. Mr. Hostetler gave a brief overview of his building experience and recent work history.

Presently Mr. Hostetler builds custom homes; however, previously he was a superintendent for a major construction firm for over 5 years. He has been working in the construction industry since he was 12 years old. Mr. Hostetler is planning on building a large custom home in Divide.

The Board reviewed the submitted packet and asked Mr. Hostetler clarifying questions. There was further discussion between the applicant and the Board.

Mr. Hostetler was informed that his certificate of liability requires a description of operations.

Carl Andersen opened this matter up for public comment. No public comment. Close public comment.

Paul Hurcomb indicated that the company's corporate records were in order with the State.

Sonny Strobl moved to grant Wood Works Unlimited, Inc. with Donald Hostetler as the examinee, a Class C license, conditioned upon providing an updated certificate of insurance. Steve McCann seconded.

Roll call vote:

Carl Andersen – yes

Jared Bischoff – yes

Sonny Strobl – yes

Jeff Smith – yes

Steve McCann – yes

The motion carried.

D. High Desert Construction Company, Inc./Kenneth M. Herman/Class C

Mr. Kenneth M. Herman present. Mr. Herman gave a brief overview of his building experience and recent work history.

Mr. Herman carries a Class C license in Freemont and El Paso Counties. He is applying for a license in Teller County to rebuild a residence that was burned down.

The Board reviewed the submitted packet and asked Mr. Herman clarifying questions. There was further discussion between the applicant, the Board, Terry Brunette, and Paul Hurcomb.

Terry Brunette and Mr. Herman addressed questions and concerns raised by Paul Hurcomb regarding workers' compensation insurance coverage and conversion of the company from an LLC to an S Corporation.

Carl Andersen opened this matter up for public comment. No public comment. Close public comment.

Paul Hurcomb indicated that the company's corporate records were in order with the State.

Jeff Smith moved to grant High Desert Construction Company, Inc. with Kenneth M. Herman as the examinee, a Class C license, conditioned upon providing an updated certificate of insurance. Jared Bischoff seconded.

Roll call vote:

Carl Andersen – yes

Jared Bischoff – yes

Sonny Strobl – yes

Jeff Smith – yes
Steve McCann – yes
The motion carried.

E. Global Construction Group, Inc./Robert Bontrager/Class C

Mr. Robert Bontrager present. Mr. Bontrager gave a brief overview of his building experience and recent work history.

Mr. Bontrager has been in the construction business for over 14 years, he carries a Class C license with El Paso County and specializes in building custom homes.

The Board reviewed the submitted packet and asked Mr. Bontrager clarifying questions. There was further discussion between the applicant, the Board, Terry Brunette, and Paul Hurcomb.

Mr. Bontrager explained that he purchases in cash from his suppliers and therefore he can only provide one letter of financial responsibility.

Carl Andersen opened this matter up for public comment. No public comment. Close public comment.

Paul Hurcomb indicated that the company was delinquent with Secretary of State for failing to file an annual report; however this was cured on August 16, 2016 the company's corporate records are now in order.

Jared Bischoff moved to grant Global Construction Group, Inc with Robert Bontrager as the examinee, a Class C license. Jeff Smith seconded.

Roll call vote:

Carl Andersen – yes
Jared Bischoff – yes
Sonny Strobl – yes
Jeff Smith – yes
Steve McCann – abstained
The motion carried.

F. Earth's Creation Landscaping, Inc./O'banyon Custer/Class C

Mr. O'banyon Custer present. Mr. Custer gave a brief overview of his building experience and recent work history.

He built his personal log home. Mr. Custer plans on building spec log homes in Teller County, he hopes to build one to three homes per year. He has 20 years of experience in landscaping and excavation, and went to school for log home construction.

The Board reviewed the submitted packet and asked Mr. Custer clarifying questions. There was further discussion between the applicant, the Board, Terry Brunette, and Paul Hurcomb.

Mr. Custer explained that he is not licensed in any other jurisdiction, however he does have his license application in process with the El Paso County Building Department. He elaborated on his log construction method and how it differs from the conventional one. The Board and Terry Brunette discussed issuing a special limited license for one project only, due to lack of examinee's experience. Mr. Custer stated that he was agreeable to a special limited license.

Carl Andersen opened this matter up for public comment. No public comment. Close public comment.

Paul Hurcomb indicated that the company's corporate records were in order with the State.

Jeff Smith moved to grant Earth's Creation Landscaping, Inc. with O'banyon Custer as the examinee, a Class C one project limited license. Carl Andersen seconded.

Roll call vote:

Carl Andersen – yes

Jared Bischoff – yes

Sonny Strobl – yes

Jeff Smith – yes

Steve McCann – yes

The motion carried.

G. Windmill Ranch Construction, L.L.C./Simon Hostetler/Class C

Mr. Simon Hostetler present. Mr. Hostetler gave a brief overview of his building experience and recent work history.

Mr. Hostetler currently has a construction project in Teller County, his client is in need of garage and a new deck.

The Board reviewed the submitted packet and asked Mr. Hostetler clarifying questions. There was further discussion between the applicant, the Board, Terry Brunette, and Paul Hurcomb.

Mr. Hostetler provided more information on his construction experience, explaining that he specializes in small projects such as decks, garages, and small additions. The Board considered the Teller County Building Code and discussed issuing the applicant a Class C-1 license, due to the lack of examinee's experience. Mr. Hostetler was informed of the differences between a Class C and a Class C-1 license and that he would still be eligible to apply for an upgrade in the future to a Class C license. Mr.

Hostetler had no objections to the change and updated his contractor license application to change his request from a Class C to a Class C-1.

Carl Andersen opened this matter up for public comment. No public comment. Close public comment.

Paul Hurcomb indicated that the company's corporate records were in order with the State.

Sonny Strobl moved to grant Windmill Ranch Construction, L.L.C. with Simon Hostetler as the examinee, a Class C-1 license, condition upon providing an additional financial letter and updated certificate of insurance with description of operations. Jared Bischoff seconded.

Roll call vote:

Carl Andersen – yes

Jared Bischoff – yes

Sonny Strobl – yes

Jeff Smith – yes

Steve McCann – yes

The motion carried.

H. Colorado Custom Decks, Inc./Garth Hystad/Class C-1

Mr. Garth Hystad present. Mr. Hystad gave a brief overview of his building experience and recent work history.

Mr. Hystad has been in the construction industry since 1988, he holds a license in El Paso County. Currently he is planning on having a project in Teller County.

The Board reviewed the submitted packet and asked Mr. Hystad clarifying questions. There was further discussion between the applicant, the Board, Terry Brunette, and Paul Hurcomb.

Terry Brunette and Mr. Hystad addressed questions and concerns raised by Paul Hurcomb. BOR pointed out that the letters of reference need to address examinee by name and discussed his certificate of liability missing description of operations.

Carl Andersen opened this matter up for public comment. No public comment. Close public comment.

Paul Hurcomb indicated that the company's corporate records were in order with the State.

Jeff Smith moved to grant Colorado Custom Decks, Inc. with Garth Hystad as the examinee, a Class C-1 license, conditioned upon providing 3 letters of reference and an

updated certificate of insurance with a description of operations. Jared Bischoff seconded.

Roll call vote:

Carl Andersen – yes

Jared Bischoff – yes

Sonny Strobl – yes

Jeff Smith – yes

Steve McCann – yes

The motion carried.

Chairman Carl Andersen called for a recess at 3:04 p.m.

Chairman Carl Andersen called the meeting back to order at 3:13 p.m.

III. Board Discussion

A. Discuss the upcoming adoption of the 2015 International Building Codes (Chapters 1-5) and the amendments to the Teller County Building Code.

Terry Brunette brought up the upcoming adoption of the 2015 International Building Codes and the amendments to the Teller County Building Code. He discussed a few upcoming changes to 2015 IRC produced by National Association of Home Builders which included but was not limited to the following:

Section R 302.5.1

Section R 311.7.5

Section R 312.2

Jeff Smith left the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

At 3:39 p.m., Vernon Champlin, the Fire Marshal for Northeast Teller County Fire Protection District, joined the meeting and discussed his position on residential fire sprinkler systems and his support for adopting Section R313 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems of 2015 IRC.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.