

Construction Licensing Enforcement and Appeals Board

February 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. In the Highlands County Board of County Commission Chambers at 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring Florida, with the following members present: Troy Maloyed, John Palmer, Gary Bagwell, Terry Webster, Tommy James, J.C. Schoop and Chairman Scott LeConey.

1. Gary Bagwell made motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 meeting, seconded by John Palmer and passed by unanimous vote.
2. Business:
 - A. Applicant Daniel Gustat requesting approval to take the irrigation exam.
Mr. Gustat spoke to his experience in the irrigation field working for a local irrigation company for 3 years. Number of years of experience required was questioned by the board and determined that 3 years was sufficient. Board questioned credit score. Mr. Gustat shared that he was somewhat irresponsible with his credit in the past but had recovered from it. Board noted that his report showed no negative accounts at this time. Motion was made to approve with a credit rider by J.C. Schoop, seconded by Troy Maloyed and passed by unanimous vote.
 - B. Applicant Russel McIntyre requesting approval to take the irrigation exam.
Mr. McIntyre was well known to board members who knew of his experience. He spoke of his history as a part owner of a local irrigation company and selling that ownership to partner and now venturing into business for himself. Motion was made to approve with a 60-day provisional licensure to provide time to take test by Troy Maloyed, seconded by Terry Webster and passed by unanimous vote.
 - C. Complaint filed by Susan Leishear against Campbell Roofing and Sheet Metal qualified by Joshua Campbell.
Building Official informed that Campbell roofing had contacted the building department late this afternoon that Mr. Campbell had a family medical emergency and would not be able to be in attendance. Building Official had asked the assistant county attorney if the complaint should be heard and she had said that complaint could be heard in Mr. Campbell's absence. Mrs. Leishear shared complaints of roof leaks, damaged siding and poor workmanship. Board asked if roof leaked before or after work was completed.

Mrs. Leishear said leaks occurred after roof was replaced. Board asked if roof was still leaking and Mrs. Leishear could not confirm or deny roof leaking at this time. Mrs. Leishear stated that roof had not passed final inspection. Board asked the Building Official if inspection had been made. Building Official shared that final inspection had been made three times and permit had not been closed due to complaints. When asked if roof would pass final inspection the Building Official said he believed the roof would pass final inspection. Board advised that issues may be workmanship issues and not code violations and recommended that Mrs. Leishear contact an attorney as complaints were likely civil matters if roof passed inspection. Board questioned if they could table the complaint pending final inspection. Building Official stated that he would require the roofing contractor to provide certification from the shingle manufacturer for final inspection. Motion was made to table pending final inspection results by Troy Maloyed, seconded by Terry Webster and passed by unanimous vote. Board asked if county inspection staff would be present during manufacturers' inspection. Building Official said he would be present if it could be coordinated but it would not be a necessity as the Building Code states that shingles be installed according to manufacturer's specifications and if manufacturer certified the roof that would meet code requirements. Mrs. Leishear wanted to be present during inspection and asked if someone else other than an acquaintance of the roofer could make inspection. Board shared that manufacturer representative would have to make inspection.

The next meeting was set for March 5 2019.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Longshore
Building Official