

Construction Licensing Enforcement and Appeals Board

July 11, 2017

1. 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, Gary Bagwell, John Palmer, Terry Webster, Tommy James and Rob Horne. With Chairman Scott LeConey absent Tommy James took gavel as Chairman.
2. Troy Maloyed made motion to accept the minutes from the June 6, 2017 meeting, seconded by Terry Webster and passed by unanimous vote.
3. Business:
 - A. Applicant Michael Robertson applying for handyperson registration.

Mr. Robertson spoke to his history and work experience. The board emphasized the limitations of the handyperson license and Mr. Robertson acknowledged his understanding of those limitations. Troy Maloyed made motion to approve seconded by Gary Bagwell and motion passed by unanimous vote.
 - B. Applicant Steven Tucker applying for handyperson registration.

Mr. Tucker spoke to his history and construction experience. With Mr. Tuckers' history of being a licensed contractor in another state the board questioned his want of a handyperson license and not a contractor's license. Mr. Tucker explained that he was recently divorced and not sure he would be permanently residing in the state. Board emphasized again that with his qualifications he would be tempted to work outside the scope of the license and warned against doing so. Gary Bagwell made motion to approve seconded by Rob Horne and motion passed by unanimous vote.
 - C. Added to the agenda was Mr. Joe Messana requesting reinstatement of permitting privileges in Highlands County. Mr. Messana had his permitting privileges revoked in the September 2, 2014 meeting of the CLEAB. Mr. Messana was unable to appear at that meeting as he was hospitalized. He has recovered from medical issues to point that he wishes to be reinstated. Lengthy discussion of circumstances of the complaint from 3 years ago was held. With complainant not present Board was provided with all evidence presented by complainant and minutes from the September 2, 2014 meeting. Mr. Messana defended against accusations claiming accusations as false assuring sub-contractors had been paid and citing years of being in business with no other complaints. Troy Maloyed asked the Building Official his recollection of prior case and Building Official responded that much like current situation the Board, in 2014 meeting, had to act on hearing one side of the controversy. After further discussion Rob Horne made motion to reinstate permitting privileges contingent on Mr. Messana returning in July 2018 meeting for Board reassessment. Motion was seconded by Tommy James and passed by a 4-2 voter with Troy Maloyed and Terry Webster voting nay.
 - D. The next meeting date was set for August 1, 2017.
 - E. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Building Official