

Minutes of Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Chapter Meeting
Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am

Those in attendance:

Dennis Hirsch – Miles City – Past President	Tad Lisowski - Whitefish	Kraig Stevenson – ICC Gov’t Relations
Cody Gunn – Billings – President	Ed Johnson - Helena	Jim Brown - ICC
Russell Murphy – Colstrip – Vice President	Kale Rasmussen - Sidney	Mike Boso - ICC
Karen Courtney – Laurel Secretary/Treasurer	Travis Fenton - Billings	Jim Sayers – ICC
Rick Benton – Lewistown	Kale Rasmussen - Sidney	Gary Gauthier - ICC
Jeff Clawson - Kalispell	Bob Risk - Bozeman	
Mike Spini - Billings	Eric Copeland – State DLI	

- Introductions
 - Established that there is a quorum present (5 members per by-laws)
- Secretary/Treasury report:
 - Account Balances:
Savings: \$3,145.89
Checking: \$4,407.14
 - 1 payment made last month for \$118 for annual PO Box fee.
 - New PO Address: PO Box 961 Laurel, MT 59044
 - Motion to accept Treasurer Report – Motion to accept by Dennis Hirsch, Russell Murphy 2nd. Motion passes.
 - Motion to approve minutes from April and May meetings – Motion to approve by Dennis Hirsch, Rick Benton. Motion passes.
- President’s Comments:
 - With the current situation and how busy it has been with building, has been difficult to put together meetings. Region II has been unable to hold a meeting. Board of directors moved forward with another year on their voting. A lot of items have been put on hold. We have been fortunate that everything is in two-year increments, so we are able to plan more of what the Board is planning to accomplish here.
 - Planning on putting together a survey for members to be able to let the Board know what we can do to assist the members. We have previously had committees for a possible Education



conference. At this time that has been put on hold. Many classes are being held virtually for CEU's and we may need to look at what we can do as a Chapter.

- We will be sending out a call to committees, hopefully members will be willing to join. Looking at members that may be pulling double duty, such as fire, that would give input on classes that would benefit them.
 - Another committee that we once had was to a budget committee, this would allow for a budget to be planned for the next 12, possibly 24 months out.
- Vice President's Comments:
- No comments at this time.

Previous and Continuing Business-

State update – Eric Copeland:

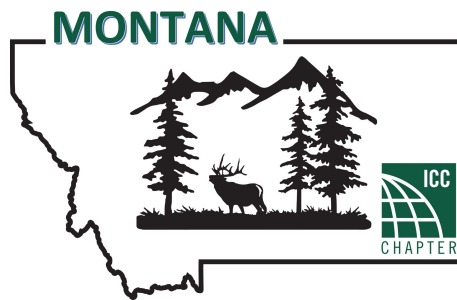
- Inspectors are performing inspections statewide. Some are performing primarily virtual inspections.
- Still waiting on word back from legal concerning the Energy Code. Proposed adoption has been sent to them and they are close on having that completed. Next will go to Building Codes Council with the goal to be this fall to have it adopted.
- Tall wood buildings – having issues with this is that if it is adopted ahead of time, must publish the entire section until it is published somewhere. Still working through that obstacle. These are linked together so will try and have done in Fall as well.
 - Cody asked if it would hold up the Energy Code at all since they are linked together. Eric stated that yes it could.

New Business-

- None at this time except for what has already been discussed.

Guest Speakers-

- ICC Board Members
 - Mike Boso –
 - Board is continuing to work on ways to keep operations going.
 - Working on ways to address any future instances of a pandemic, etc. in order to keep things, such as a conference, going and avoiding having to cancel.
 - If any members need anything or have suggestions the Board encourages them to contact the ICC Board and let them know.
 - Jim Sayers –
 - Reiterated what Director Boso had stated. The actions that they are working on will take time but will allow them to be more proactive in the future. Also encourages any ideas, suggestions or concerns be sent to the Board.
 - Jim Brown -
 - Wyoming just scheduled a class for their annual meeting in Casper on November 4, 5, & 6. This is dependent on the CoVid restrictions. Back up plan is to hold it virtually.



- Will be doing the 2021 Code Updates so that they are poised to be adopted January 1.
- Chairing the By-Laws Committee this year. Working on proposed language to address emergency conditions, not only CoVid but other natural disasters that could impact such things as the Annual Business Meeting, elections, etc. There will also be some normal housekeeping items since the By-Laws have not been updated in the past ten years approximately. These proposals will be brought to the 2021 ABM.
- Region II Staff Comments –
 - Cody reported that Region II did not have it's regular meeting this last month.
 - Jim Sayers – Would like to commend the Montana Chapter for having meetings. Feels that during this time it is really important to communicate and stay connected.
- ICC Staff Comments –
 - Kraig Stevenson –
 - Follow up on the MT CARES Act funding. Has been to the Dept. of Commerce's website. Saw that there are some grants that are given to Counties.
 - Asked if any members had checked into having their online systems added or enhanced.
 - Cody stated that the monies had been earmarked by the time he had been able to talk to them about it in Billings. They were not able to get any of that money.
 - Karen stated that the City of Laurel had applied and were denied any grant monies. Unfortunately, that created a need to lay off the Building Official as well as others in employment.
 - May be hard to navigate or fully understand how to get any type of federal grant besides CARES funding. Feels that there needs to be more learned about the subject in order to be able to find those resources to improve ourselves.
 - The IWUIC commentary is out. Feels that it is a very important document to have to help you understand the background of that code, in order to enforce and utilize it in the way it was intended.
 - Training and education have been discussed, Mr. Clifton who has been with the Government Relations Dept. is retiring at the end of the month. Gary Gauthier is on the call and Idaho Building Officials is considering having their annual education institute in January in Couer d' Alene. May be an opportunity for some people from Montana to be able to get some training.
 - Gary Gauthier –
 - Will be the Director of PMG after Lee's retirement. Will have the adaptability to perform different power point presentations, seminars and speak directly to you for Fuel, Gas, Plumbing, Swimming Pools, Spas. Looking forward to being an asset for training.



Other Discussion -

- No comments from membership.

Next meeting scheduled for September 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM via teleconference and WebEx.

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Hirsch.

Adjournment at 10:35 am MST

Karen Courtney
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer