

**STATE OF TEXAS** §  
**COUNTIES OF POTTER** §  
**AND RANDALL** §  
**CITY OF AMARILLO** §

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011, the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 3:00 PM, in Room 306, City Hall, at 509 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Amarillo, Texas with the following members present:

Voting Members	Present	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended
Joe Norman, Chairman, Residential Contractor	Yes	46	42
Shannon Brooks, Insurance Agent	No	48	28
Bill Chudej, Citizen at Large	Yes	41	27
Gary Ward, Heating/Air Contractor	No	33	28
Tim Pillsbury, Engineer	Yes	27	18
Kim Black, Plumbing Contractor	Yes	27	27
Dana Williams-Walton, Architect	Yes	7	2
Gary Strickland, Commercial Builder	Yes	7	5
Barry Osborne, Electrical Contractor	Yes	2	2

Others Present:

Randy Schuster, Chief Building Inspector      Ron Connally, Guest  
Van Dryden, Chief Electrical Inspector      Matthew Fournier, Guest  
Kevin Robinson, Chief Plumbing Inspector  
Ricky Boothe, Electrical Inspector  
Teresa Hook, Administrative Technician

Chairman Norman opened the meeting at 3:03 PM, established a quorum and conducted the consideration of the following items.

ITEM 1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Chairman Norman presented the minutes of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Motion was made by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Pillsbury, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2 International Codes – Significant Changes

Chairman Norman invited guests to introduce themselves, then turned the meeting over to Mr. Dryden to continue review of 2009 code changes. The Board reviewed and discussed the first portion of Part 8 of the book, '09 IRC Significant Changes.

Chairman Norman invited guests to address the Board. Mr. Fournier, Connected Electric presented concerns and issues electrical contractors are experiencing with Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCI). He explained that (ACFI) false trips continue to be a problem for builders, contractors and homeowners. He stated that various types of equipment/appliances cause false trips; however, since the current code does not allow for removal of AFCI equipment, the false trips cannot be avoided. Mr. Fournier asked the Board to take these issues into consideration when discussing adoption of updated codes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Black and passed 5:0.

There being no further items before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.