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Three licenses issued by State Board, recovery funds expenditure OK'd

CHARLESTON – State regulators overseeing the manufactured housing industry approved three licenses during a board meeting Wednesday and agreed to the expenditure of recovery fund money to assist three consumers whose homes were not properly set.

The West Virginia Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Board endorsed a manufacturer's license for CMH Manufacturing West, Inc., doing business as Crest Homes of Middlebury, IN; and contractor licenses for Fairway Masonry of Proctorville, OH, and Twin A Construction of Norton, W.Va.

The regulators, meeting in a telephone conference, approved three payments from the fund established through industry fees and fines to pay for consumers when the state finds their homes have not been properly installed.

Ray's Mobile Home Service went out of business without properly setting up homes for Otto Conley of Chapmanville and William M. Muncy Jr. of Mingo County, the board said. A home for Mark Hudson of Frazier's Bottom, Putnam County, was not properly set when L&R Construction went out of business, it said.

Mitch Woodrum, head of the manufactured housing section in the state Division of Labor, estimated the payment to Conley and Muncy to be up to \$1,000 each and that to Hudson at less than \$500.

The board canceled its scheduled Sept. 13 meeting and rescheduled it for 10 a.m. Nov. 8. Chair Fran Cook said the board's actions are up to date and no regular board meeting was needed immediately.

Cook said the board will hold another telephone conference within 25 days to deal with a pending application.