

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Electrical Commission meeting held on January 15, 2015 via conference call.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Nielsen at 8:00 AM.

The following members were present: Steve Nielsen, Steve Arne, Tim McIntyre, Robert Cronin and Cam Becker. Absent: Jesse Smith and Duane Mergen.

Others present were: JJ Linn – Executive Director and Diana Peterson – Office Secretary.

Motion by Becker; Seconded by Arne to approve the minutes of July 17, 2014. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Inspectors report:

- Director Linn reported he hired 2 new Inspectors – Curt Mitchell in Brookings area and Aaron Dimitt in the Northern Black Hills area.
- Director Linn reported all Inspectors attended the Inspectors meeting last week including Larry Kippes from Sioux Falls. The first day was on administrative items and the second day was on code items.

Old Business:

- Director Linn and BIT have prepared a list of pending items for the database. BIT has agreed to fix the items denoted as Correction with an estimated 558 hours at no charge to the Commission. The items denoted as enhancement with an estimated 243 hours will be completed at a \$62 hourly rate. Estimated completion date of Phase I per BIT is March 31, 2015.

New Business:

- Director Linn informed the Commission that NASCLA is considering developing a national electrical exam. Director Linn proposed pursuing a membership in NASCLA to monitor. Support for becoming a member in NASCLA was expressed by the members.

Reports

- The reports for July through December were reviewed.
Motion by Cronin; Seconded by Becker to approve the reports. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Code Committee: The Committee met to discuss two recommendations by the Inspectors:

1. The Commission does not inspect/regulate residential structures with permanent steel frames with a structural square footage of less than 400 sq. ft. Committee agreed with recommendation.
2. The Inspectors recommendation is services are not required to be grouped when the characteristics of the services are not the same. Article 230.2(D). Committee agreed with recommendation.

President's report: President Nielsen reported he attended the Inspectors meeting in Sioux Falls on January 9th. He was very impressed with the Inspectors and the meeting. He recommended other members attend.

Director's report:

- Director Linn updated the Commission on the grain bins. Sioux Steel has approximately 128 installations requiring corrections. Currently 35 have been corrected, 56 are waiting to be installed, and 38 are in process of awaiting inventory or awaiting response from contractors. Brock Bins has approximately 50 installations requiring corrections. Brock has hired one electrician to do all the corrections with an estimated completion date of February 28, 2015.
- Director Linn updated the Commission regarding the installation at the Korzan Ranch. Director Linn contacted Mr. Cozine on 11/18/14 as the two pole AFCI breakers are available. On 11/20/14 Mr. Cozine informed the Commission Miss Korzan did not wish to have the breakers installed and elected to have her permit final voided. Permit final voided on 11/24/14. Final void letter sent to Miss Korzan on 11/25/14.
- Director Linn informed the members of the approval of salary increases by Secretary Hultman.
- Director Linn reported that he was contacted this morning about a potential bill being proposed which would affect the Commission. No additional details available at this time.

Upcoming Commission meeting dates:

April 17 – 18, 2015 – SD Electrical Council Convention in Brookings

April 16, 2015 – Inspectors meeting in Brookings

April 9th or 23rd, 2015 – SDEC Commission Meeting – Conference call

Motion by McIntrye; Seconded by Cronin to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Steve Arne, Commission Secretary