

## SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Electrical Commission meeting held on July 17, 2014 in Room 412 at the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director JJ Linn at 8:30 AM.

The following members were present: Steve Nielsen, Duane Mergen, Tim McIntyre, Robert Cronin, and Steve Arne.

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

Motion by Cronin; Seconded by McIntyre to approve the minutes of April 17, 2014. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Inspectors report:

- Director Linn reviewed the current list of inspectors.
- Director Linn reported that currently the Commission has two inspector positions vacant.

Old Business:

- Director Linn reported on the status of the database. The portion of the database which stores information such as permits and electricians is for the most part functioning correctly. The report section is inaccurate and unacceptable. In addition inputting is very time consuming due to navigation restrictions. These concerns have been relayed to BIT multiple times. Director Linn will follow up with BIT to finalize Phase I.
- Director Linn reviewed the status of reciprocal agreements. Director Linn will work to finalize pending agreements.

Jesse Smith joined the meeting.

New Business:

- Director Linn provided the members a map with the states that have adopted 2014 NEC and those in the process of adopting 2014 NEC. Inspectors Jeff Feiok, Tony Rath, and Brent Schoulte worked with ICC and the state of Wyoming to update the exam July 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. The projected date for incorporating the 2014 NEC into the ICC exams is October 1, 2014.
- President Smith announced nominations are now in order for the office of President. Commissioner McIntyre nominated Steve Nielsen; Seconded by Smith. President Smith requested additional nominations. Seeing none President Smith declared Steve Nielsen elected to the position of President by acclamation. President Smith announced nominations are now in order for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Cronin nominated Steve Arne; Seconded by McIntyre. President Smith requested additional nominations. Seeing none President Smith declared Steve Arne elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.

## Reports

- The reports for April 2014 through June 2014 were reviewed.  
Motion by Nielsen; Seconded by Mergen to approve the reports. Motion approved by roll call vote.

## Code Committee:

- Commissioner Mergen inquired on the status of the Bruce Cozine installation at the Korzan Ranch. Director Linn reported that the installation is incomplete as the two pole AFCI breakers are still not available. Commissioner Mergen stated that he would notify the Director when he is made aware that the breakers are available.
- Commissioner Cronin reported on structures being installed in South Dakota which are attempting to utilize the RVIA certification as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspector or claiming to be exempt from compliance with Commission requirements. The Commission and inspectors agree RVIA is not an approved 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspector. Mr. Linn will continue to research RVIA to assess the integrity of their inspection process.

President's report: President Smith thanked everyone for having the opportunity to serve as President.

## Director's report:

- Director Linn thanked Jesse Smith and Cam Becker for their service to the Commission as officers and welcomed President Nielsen and Secretary Arne as new officers.
- Director Linn reported progress is being made in bringing the non-listed fan enclosures on grain bins into compliance.
- Director Linn updated members regarding jurisdiction on federal projects. Commission has jurisdiction until proof is received by the Commission documenting we do not have jurisdiction.
- Director Linn reported to the Commission that he has a meeting July 18th with Department of Labor and Regulations Secretary Marcia Hultman.
- Director Linn stated that we do not have jurisdiction on wind farms as wind farms are considered a utility. Utilities are exempt per SDCL 36-16-16.
- Director Linn reported the South Dakota National Guard requested an exemption from permit/licensure requirements for conducting installations. Director Linn informed the individual the law currently does not allow for such an exemption.

## Upcoming meeting dates:

September 21 – 24, 2014 – Western Section IAEI Meeting – Independence, Ohio

October 16, 2014 – SDEC Commission Meeting – Conference call

Meeting adjourned.

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Cam Becker, Commission Secretary