

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Electrical Commission meeting held on April 19, 2012 via conference call.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Cam Becker at 8:00 AM.

The following members were present: Steve Nielsen, Robert Cronin, Cam Becker, Duane Mergen, Steve Arne, and Tim McIntyre. A quorum was present. Jesse Smith joined the call at 8:47 AM.

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

Motion by Cronin; Seconded by Nielsen to approve the minutes of January 19, 2012. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Inspectors report:

- Reviewed minutes of the Inspectors meeting
 - Members discussed ready to inspect report
 - Members discussed wiring of paint booths, swimming pools, and grain bins
- Director Linn informed the Members on redistricting.
- Director Linn is in the process of hiring two new inspectors (one in the Watertown area and one west river).
- Brent Schoulte has fulfilled his probationary period.
- Tony Rath passed the Electrical Inspector's exam.

A discussion was held on executive session rules and procedures.

Motion by Mergen; Seconded by Becker to go into executive session per 1-25-2(1) at 9:15 A.M. Motion approved by roll call vote.

The Commission came out of executive session at 9:30 A.M. Secretary Becker noted the executive session was to discuss personal information regarding a personnel issue. Secretary Becker noted no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Old Business:

- Director Linn reported on the status of the new database.
- Director Linn presented and reviewed the reciprocal agreement status report. The Arkansas agreement was signed by President Smith.
- The Dakota Dunes CID paid their bill in full. Director Linn noted he had a meeting with a Mid-American representative regarding working together to propose legislation if needed as to the handling of de-energizing, inspecting/assessing, and re-energizing water penetrated properties.

New Business:

- A discussion was held on utilizing the Undertaking Fund. Director Linn has been directed by the Members to create proposed policy as to the utilization of the Undertaking Fund.
- Director Linn reviewed the 2012 renewal form with the Members.

Code Committee: No report.

President's report: President Smith was not present.

Director's report:

- Director Linn reported there has been no further activity or issues on the complaint President Smith received regarding the issuance of a Journeyman license to an individual who currently holds an Electrical Contractor license.
- The Commission sponsored Brad Steier to speak at the IAEI Aberdeen meeting. The sponsorship amount was \$1,240.00.
- Legislative Bill HB 1079 passed adopting the 2012 Building Code.
- Three Commission members' terms are up this year (Cam Becker, Jesse Smith, & Tim McIntyre). Becker and McIntyre reported they were contacted by the Governors Office and they accepted 3 year terms.
- Director Linn conducted presentations at the Central Board of Realtors and at the IAEI meeting.
- Director Linn informed the Members that the Commission is currently involved in five court cases resulting from complaints investigated by Inspectors regarding installations conducted by non-licensees.
- Ron Nagle, a former executive director of the Commission contacted the Governor's office with concern on the cumbersome process to license applicants from out of state to conduct installation on water penetrated homes. Mr. Nagle was proposing to circumvent the law. Mr. Nagle was informed all applications are processed in the same manner in compliance with the law. Director Linn informed Mr. Nagle of a simplified way to license the applicants as apprentices allowing the individuals to work under licensed Electrical Contractors in the State of South Dakota on residential installations.
- A meeting will be held on May 22nd from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. on Robert's Rules of Order and Open Meeting Laws. Director Linn informed the Members they are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Commission meeting dates:

May 4-5, 2012 – SD Electrical Council Meeting – Pierre

July 19, 2012 – SDEC Commission Meeting – In Person - Pierre

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

Cam Becker, Commission Secretary