

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Electrical Commission meeting held on April 21, 2011 at the State Capitol Room 412, Pierre, South Dakota.

The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Smith.

The following members were present: Jesse Smith, Cam Becker, Harlan Nielsen, Steve Nielsen, Tim McIntyre, Larry Simonson and Robert Cronin. Absent: None. A quorum was present.

Others present were: Casey Kebach – District 10 Electrical Inspector, Darwin Jones – District 7 Electrical Inspector, JJ Linn – Executive Director and Diana Peterson – Office Secretary.

Motion by H. Nielsen; Seconded by Becker to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Motion by S. Nielsen; Seconded by McIntyre to approve the minutes of January 20, 2011. Motion approved.

Inspectors report:

- 2 good meetings were held - March 3rd & April 7th. The inspectors discussed items of concern, proposed rule changes, code changes, and developed a policy on lighting retrofits.

Old Business:

- Director Linn reported on the status of the new database. A spreadsheet was presented and reviewed noting the current expenses to date. Director Linn commented on the alternative measures inspectors are utilizing in the mean time in addition to dial-up.
- Director Linn presented and reviewed the reciprocal agreement status report. All previous agreements are in place until new ones are signed. Director Linn will present the Idaho, Colorado and Montana agreements to President Smith for execution following the meeting. The next National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance meeting will be in August in Iowa.
- Director Linn reviewed the timeline for statute and rule changes. The rules will go into effect on July 1 at the same time as the change in statute pending approval by the Commission and the Rules Review Committee.
- A discussion was held on the proposed rule changes and removing some of the exemption to the National Electrical Code under section 20:44:14:01(11) – Commission agreed to propose removal of (a), (b), (d), (e), & (f).

New Business:

- A public hearing regarding proposed rule changes began at 10:00 AM. Director Linn noted a motion to approve rules as presented for submittal to the Rules Review Committee was approved by the Commission during the public hearing.

The reports were reviewed by the Commission. Motion by Cronin; Seconded by McIntyre to approve the reports. Motion approved.

Code Committee: No report.

President report:

- Stated things appear to be working smoothly.
- Thanked everyone for their attendance.

Director report:

- Hired Stan Rogers as an Electrical Inspector in District 1.
- Public Service Announcement on flooding went out on March 31st.
- Formation of the new Department of Labor & Regulations with Pam Roberts as Secretary.
- All Commission and Board directs under DLR met with Pam Roberts, Todd Kolden and Dawn Dovre. A public facilitator was offered by DLR to assist in creating a strategic plan. Secretary Roberts requested a major goal of the Commission be provided to DLR.
- Iowa reported the bill to eliminate the Board's existence has stalled.
- Commissioners H. Nielsen & Simonson's terms will be expiring – Director Linn thanked them for their service.

Upcoming Commission meeting dates:

July 21, 2011 – Commission Meeting – Pierre – 2 PM

September 18-21, 2011 – Louisville, KY – IAEI Western Section Meeting

Motion by Cronin; Seconded by H. Nielsen to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

Cam Becker, Commission Secretary