

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION
Missouri Ave Event Center Conference Room
July 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m. CDT

President Lyons called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Director Scouten called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Sean Lyons, Dave Eide, Doug Fuerst, John Hoffman, Tor Sorlien, Rick Cronin

Members Absent: Rus VanDerWerff

Others Present: Pamela Scouten– Executive Director, Kenisha Ewoldt- Senior Secretary, Jerry McCabe– Legal Counsel, Brent Schoulte – Lead Electrical Inspector, Larry Kippes – Chief Electrical Inspector City of Sioux Falls, Rachel Dix – Executive Vice President SDHBA, Don Iverson – Schneider Electric Manager, Tim McClintock- Regional Electrical Specialist NFPA

Rick Cronin made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Tor Sorlien seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Dave Eide made a motion to approve the May 23, 2023, meeting minutes. Doug Fuerst seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Lyons opened the floor to public input. Larry Kippes spoke in favor of the adoption of the adoption of the 2023 NEC code. Tim McClintock spoke in favor of adopting the 2023 NEC code without exemptions. Rachel Dix thanked the commission for allowing the SDHBA to be part of the conversation regarding the code and hopes to continue to be involved. Adam Kidwell spoke on behalf of an apprentice and asked the commission to open a future conversation. Darwin Jones provided comment regarding party affiliations and inspection policy.

John Hoffman made a motion to enter executive session. Rick Cronin seconded the motion. The Commission entered executive session at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. **MOTION PASSED.** The Commission exited executive session at 9:52 a.m.

Director Scouten and John Hoffman provided the board with an update from the code committee. The board members took input from Larry Kippes, Don Iverson, Tim McClintock, and Brent Schoulte as they discussed the proposed rules changes. Director Scouten will draft the proposed rule changes based on that discussion.

President Lyons provided feedback he has received regarding apprentice licenses from the Springfield program. This item will be discussed further at a future board meeting.

Director Scouten updated the commission on progress with the database with hopes it will be in use by the fall. Scouten will provide an updated rule packet for the wiring permit procedure changes that will be required when the commission moves to electron licensing, permits, and payments. Director Scouten informed the commission of open inspector positions and the recruiting efforts being done to fill those positions. The electrical commission is reviewing reciprocal licenses on a case-by-case basis to align with SDCL 36-1D-1. Director Scouten

reported that accounting is getting close to having all accounts reconciled with hopes of issuing final bills in the next couple of months.

Brent Schoulte reported that the inspectors are doing their best to keep moving forward with inspections despite being short-handed.

The next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 17th, 2023.

Rick Cronin made a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting. John Hoffman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. (Lyons -Aye, Cronin- Aye, Eide – Aye, Fuerst – Aye, Hoffman – Aye, Sorlien -Aye) **MOTION PASSED**. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.