

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Electrical Commission meeting held on September 10, 2007 at the Americinn Lodge & Suites, Chamberlain, South Dakota.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Simonson at 9:00 A.M.

Members present were Larry Simonson, Linda Eidem, Steve Nielsen, Allen Brown, Harlan Nielsen; absent Cam Becker and Peter Bolzer.

Others present were Charles Thompson – District #3 Electrical Inspector, Ron Nagle – Executive Director, and Diana Peterson – Office Secretary.

Motion by S. Nielsen, seconded by H. Nielsen to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Eidem to approve the minutes of July 10, 2007. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be November 8, 2007 in Chamberlain starting a 9:00 A.M.

A discussion was held on inspection fees on permits. All permits must have an estimated inspection fee on them either by the office or the inspector. Administrative fees will be applied by the office and inspectors when necessary. When the office or an inspector rescinds an administration fee they must notify the other party. The office will send out a notice to homeowners with their billing statement that the permits expire in 3 years and if the job is not completed they will have to get another permit and pay the inspection fee again.

A discussion was held on the lack of communications between the office and inspectors. The Commission requests that the office and inspectors communicate more with each other.

Motion by H. Nielsen, seconded by Brown to go into executive session at 11:30 A.M. Motion approved.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Eidem to go out of executive session at 11:55 A.M. Motion approved.

A discussion held on the U for ground. The inspectors are to enforce the U for ground and communicate with the contractors on the requirements.

A discussion was held on the inspectors PDQ's. The director will send out a notification to the inspector requesting again that they all send in their PDQ's with

a copy of the one some of them have already submitted and a copy of the PDQ submitted in 1993. All the PDQ's will be submitted to the Department of Labor.

Inspector Thompson will be in charge of the inspectors at Western Section to discuss the changes in the code that South Dakota should not adopt.

The Commission will send the seasonal inspectors to the South Dakota Chapter IAEI meeting on October 6, 2007 in Mitchell. Since most of the full-time inspectors are attending the Western Section meeting they will not need to attend the Chapter meeting as the same information is at both meeting.

The director reported on medium voltage on the load side. There will be discussions on this in the future.

The director reported on the progress of updating the computer system. Motion by Brown, seconded by H. Nielsen to proceed with BPro for less than \$50,000.00. Motion approved.

A discussion was held on an apprentice who did not renew his license in 2006 because he was not working in the trade. The Commission stated that before he could renew his license he will have to obtain the required 16 hours of continuing education and then he may apply for the journeyman's exam and we will review his hours.

A discussion was held on the timeframe for adopting the 2008 code.

A discussion was held on redistricting. The redistricting will be happening in the near future.

Motion by H. Nielsen, seconded by Brown to approve the Bills, Treasurers Reports, and Budget Statistics for July and August. Motion approved.

Motion by S. Nielsen, seconded by Eidem to approve the Inspection Reports, Inspection Time-Usage, Exam Applications, Exam Results, and New Licenses Issued for July and August. Motion approved.

Motion by Brown, seconded by H. Nielsen to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 P.M. Motion approved.

Cam Becker, Commission Secretary