

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Electrical Commission meeting held on October 17, 2013 via conference call.

The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Smith at 8:03 AM.

The following members were present: Jesse Smith, Steve Nielsen, Duane Mergen, Steve Arne, and Tim McIntyre. Absent Robert Cronin and Cam Becker.

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

Motion by Nielsen; Seconded by Mergen to approve the minutes of July 18, 2013. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Inspectors report:

- Director Linn reviewed inspector active permit count and discussed districts assignments.
- Director Linn reported two Inspectors had medical procedures done and would be on approximately 6 week leave.
- Director Linn reported 6 Inspectors and 1 Commission Member attended the Western Section IAEI meeting.
- The next Inspectors meeting will be October 28-31st, 2013 in Pierre.

Bruce Cozine entered the meeting room at 8:13 A.M.

Old Business:

- Bruce Kinder, Bureau of Information and Telecommunication (BIT), called in at 8:15 A.M. to provide the Commission with a review and an update on the status of the database:
 - Reasons for rebuilding the database:
 - Based on Windows XP as the operating system – will no longer be supported Dec. 2013.
 - The equipment to link the inspectors with the database will be eliminated Dec. 2013
 - Phase I – Rebuild the existing database.
 - Old system:
 - Based on access
 - Loosely considered a relational database. Mostly a snapshot system.
 - New system:
 - Sequel server database.
 - Replication system
 - Overage justification
 - Database replication design – Microsoft provided BIT bad information.
 - Security testing added 100-130 hours.
 - User acceptance testing.
 - Timeline for completion
 - Bruce was unable to estimate the number of hours or a completion date. Bruce stated there were approximately 25 items on a pending list which would require a concept paper. Director Linn noted BIT was in possession of the major part of this list for over 2 months and this was the first mention of the requirement of an additional concept paper.

- Director Linn reviewed a list of current additions to and exemptions from the 2011 National Electrical Code which are currently in South Dakota Administrative Rule. Director Linn inquired the members as to recommendation to make additions to or appeal any of the provided rules. No recommendations noted at this time. Director Linn requested comments from the Members on the changes to the 2014 NEC. No concerns were noted at this time. Director Linn informed the Members the same information will be reviewed at the Inspectors meeting.

New Business:

- Bruce Cozine, EC 1834, addressed the Commission to discuss an Inspector's Report on permit 333086. The following items were presented and reviewed by Mr. Cozine:
 - Electrical Inspector's Report dated 9/19/13 on permit 333086
 - Page 23 of the 2008 NEC Handbook
 - Floor plan of the Lodge
 - Page 90 of the 2008 NEC Handbook
 - Brule and Custer County ordinances
 - Mike Holt Forum dated 10/10/13
 - Electrical Inspector's Report dated 3/29/12
 - Job Material and Labor Record for the Lodge
 - Floor plan of lodge previously wired by Cozine
 - SD Electrical Commission statement dated 9/18/12
 - Commission meeting minutes

President Smith referred the matter to a Committee – Members Mergen, Arne and Nielsen.

Member McIntyre inquired if the matter would be brought before the Commission for additional discussion. Director Linn explained Mr. Cozine did not petition for a declaratory ruling per South Dakota Administrative Rule; therefore, the matter has been referred to a Committee. Director Linn also noted the Commission may continue to discuss the matter.

The Commission raised a question regarding personnel. A motion by Mergen; Seconded by Nielsen to go into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:50 AM. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Cozine was requested to exit the room at 8:50 AM.

The Commission came out of executive session at 9:00 AM.

Mr. Cozine was informed he was welcome to rejoin the meeting at 9:00 AM.

The Commission noted certain manufacturers do or will have available two pole AFCI breakers.

Mr. Cozine raised the question of when the Commission or the Inspectors ruled at a meeting that hunting lodges were considered dwelling units. Director Linn stated there has been discussion in the past at IAEEI or South Dakota Electrical Council meetings during the seminar sessions regarding the utilization of AFCIs in dwelling units. Director Linn stated at no time has the Commission or the Inspectors ruled in the past as to defining all hunting lodges as dwelling units.

Reports

- The reports for January through September were reviewed.
Motion by Nielson; Seconded by Mergen to approve the reports. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Code Committee: No Report

President's report: President Smith stated the Cozine matter should be handled in a timely manner.

Director's report:

- Director Linn reported that they are still working on getting the grain bins field listed.
- Director Linn reported that he had contacted other organizations on the upcoming code changes.
- Director Linn reported on a letter from a landowner requesting a change in the utilization of the Homeowners Wiring Permit. Director Linn inquired the members as to an interest to propose a law change. No comments were made.
- Director Linn is in the process of scheduling a revenue audit for the fiscal year ending 6/30/13.
- Director Linn reported that there has been no change in our prosecutions.

Upcoming Commission meeting dates:

October 28 – 30, 2013 – Inspectors Meeting – Pierre

January 16, 2014 – SDEC Commission Meeting

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

Cam Becker, Commission Secretary