

Meeting Minutes
ELECTRICAL COMMISSION
308 S. Pierre St. Pierre, SD
July 16, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. CDT

President Lyons called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. JJ Linn, Executive Director called the roll.

Members Present via conference call: Sean Lyons, Doug Fuerst, John Hoffman, and Tor Sorlien.

Others Present via conference call: JJ Linn – Executive Director, Roxie Mobley – Office Secretary, Graham Oey – Legal Counsel and Tony Jockheck – South Dakota Home Builders Association.

President Lyons welcomed new member Tor Sorlien to the Commission. President Lyons congratulated Doug Fuerst on being reappointed for a 3-year term.

The meeting agenda was presented. President Lyons requested additions or comments on the agenda. President Lyons declared the agenda correct as amended.

The May 27, 2020 Commission minutes were presented. President Lyons declared the minutes correct as presented as no comments were received from members.

President Lyons opened the floor to public input. No comments were received.

Inspectors report:

- Director Linn reviewed the June 10, 2020 Inspector meeting minutes.

Old Business:

- President Lyons stated there is no old business on the agenda.

New Business:

- President Lyons announced nominations are now in order for the office of President. Member Hoffman nominated Sean Lyons; Seconded by Sorlien. President Lyons requested additional nominations. Hearing none President Lyons declared Sean Lyons elected to the position of President by acclamation. President Lyons announced nominations are now in order for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Member Fuerst nominated John Hoffman; Seconded by Lyons. President Lyons requested additional nominations. Hearing none President Lyons declared John Hoffman elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.
- President Lyons requested Director Linn to provide an update on the adoption of the 2020 NEC: The Commission met on 5/27/20 to approve the reverted rules regarding the adoption of the 2020 NEC. IRRC approved the adoption process on 6/9/20. The Commission adopted the 2020 NEC with 4 new exceptions on 7/1/20. The four new exception are summarized as follows:
 - 210.8(F) GFCI for AC units
 - 230.67 Surge protection
 - 210.8(A) GFCI for 250 Volt (Guidance: reverts to 2017 verbiage)
 - 406.9(C) Bathroom GFCI (Guidance: reverts to 2017 verbiage)

President Lyons inquired whether the Commission could review the exceptions at future meetings. Director Linn informed the Commission the rules are a working document and can be reviewed and presented for additions/deletions at any time. The Commission would be required to utilize the rule adoption process for any changes.

Member Hoffman requested the staff to email licensees for input on outdated sections in existing wiring bulletin. Director Linn noted the process is first addressed by inspectors, yet COVID affected the process for the 2020 adoption.

Note: 20:44:15:07 died due to concerns by IRRC.

Graham Oey exited the meeting at 8:51 A.M.

Reports:

- The reports for May 2020 to June 2020 were reviewed.

President's Report: No pending items at this time.

Executive Director's Report:

- Director Linn noted Member Hoffman inquired as to the process of discipline by the Commission. Director Linn informed the members of the new law that took effect 7-1-19. Director Linn and Oey will be more diligent in pursuing discipline when a situation warrants action.
- Director Linn informed the members the Commission will be actively pursuing a licensure/permit database once the budget allows to do so.
- Director Linn inquired as to which members are not currently set up to conduct a Zoom conference. Director Linn will contact those members to assist in getting set up for Zoom calls in the future.

President Lyons noted the next Commission meeting via Zoom is tentatively scheduled for October 15, 2020.

President Lyons requested comments from the members.

- Member Sorlien suggested contacting Iowa as to the database they are currently utilizing. Director Linn stated he will be in contact with multiple states when gathering information on what database will best fit South Dakota's needs.
- Member Hoffman inquired as to the utilization of virtual inspections. Director Linn informed the members that virtual inspections will be tested in rural areas in the near future.

President Lyons made a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting. Member Fuerst seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. **MOTION PASSED.** (Fuerst-aye, Hoffman-aye, Sorlien-aye, Lyons-aye).

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.