

Meeting Minutes
ELECTRICAL COMMISSION
308 S. Pierre St. Pierre
October 22, 2019 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: Sean Lyons, John Hoffman, Dave Eide and Rick Cronin. **Members Present via phone:** Doug Fuerst. **Absent:** Duane Mergen and Russ Vanderwerff.

Others Present: JJ Linn – Executive Director, Roxie Mobley – Office Secretary, Graham Oey – Legal Counsel, Brad Solon – City of Rapid City, Tony Jockheck – South Dakota Home Builders Association and Dan Lewis – Lewis Electric Company.

The meeting agenda was presented. President Lyons declared the agenda correct as presented as no comments were received from the members.

The July 18, 2019 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 noted there has not been an inspector meeting since the July 18 Commission meeting. Director Linn noted Dan Larson will be retiring on November 8, 2019. The vacated position will not be filled at this time. Thad Stoddard satisfied his probationary period and is now a full-time inspector.

Old Business:

- Director Linn stated there is no old business on the agenda.

New Business:

- President Lyons requested Director Linn to review the proposed rule changes.
- President Lyons recessed the meeting at 9:50 for a break and to allow for the Public Hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m.
- Meeting reconvened at 11:08 a.m.
- President Lyons made a motion of December 1, 2019 as the effective date of the proposed rules pending approval by the Rules Review Committee and the filing of the approved rules at the Secretary of State. Cronin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Motion passed. (Lyons-yea, Cronin-yea, Eide-yea, Hoffman-yea, Fuerst-yea).
- Director Linn reviewed the request by Bruce Palmer, P.E. – Palmer Engineering to be approved as a South Dakota 3rd party labeler. Hoffman made a motion to approve Bruce Palmer as 3rd party labeler for the state of South Dakota. Cronin seconded the motion. A

roll call vote was held. Motion passed. (Lyons-yea, Cronin-yea, Eide-yea, Hoffman-yea, Fuerst-yea).

Reports:

- The reports for July 2019 to September 2019 were reviewed.

Code Committee Report: No pending items at this time.

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

Director's report:

- Director Linn has continued discussions with Iowa in regards to exam grades. Currently Iowa is requiring a grade 5% higher than our exam passing grade to qualify for reciprocity into Iowa. For the time being South Dakota will require the equivalent of 5% higher than the Iowa exam passing grade to qualify for reciprocity into South Dakota. The last communication was on October 18, 2019 when Brian Young of Iowa requested contact information for Doug Hatch at ICC, so Mr. Young could inquire as to the equality of the exams. Director Linn provided Mr. Young the contact information within minutes of the request.
- Director Linn informed the members of Eide's concern as the utility representative regarding disconnect orders:
 - Expense of performing a disconnect by the utility.
 - Timing
 - Commercial onlyDirector Linn noted the due diligence performed by the Commission prior to issuing a disconnect notice and noted no actual disconnects have been performed since Director Linn was employed by the Commission. The Commission noted the concerns and will continue to monitor the process.
- Director Linn noted Wyoming is now requiring 576 apprentice program hours to reciprocate into Wyoming.

President Lyons requested comments from the Members:

- The Commission emphasized the importance for Director Linn to alert the licensees of the fee change as soon as it is approved by the Rules Review Committee.

Future Meeting Dates

- January 16, 2020 – Commission Meeting – Conference Call – if needed.
- Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Eide seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** (Lyons-yea, Cronin-yea, Eide-yea, Hoffman-yea, Fuerst-yea, Mergen-absent, Vanderwerff-absent)

Prepared by JJ Linn, Executive Director