

**Meeting Minutes**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION**  
Microsoft Teams Meeting  
October 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m. CDT

President Lyons called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Director Scouten called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Sean Lyons, Dave Eide, Doug Fuerst, Tor Sorlien

**Members Absent:** Rick Cronin, Russ VanDerWerff

**Others Present:** Pamela Scouten– executive director, Kenisha Ewoldt- senior secretary, Jerry McCabe– DLR Sr. staff attorney, Brent Schoulte – lead inspector, Rachel Dix - SDHBA

Tor Sorlien made a motion to approve the agenda. Dave Eide seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED.**

Dave Eide made a motion to approve the September 8 hearing minutes as corrected.

Tor seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Lyons opened the floor to public input. Rachel Dix spoke on behalf of the South Dakota Home Builders Association to invite members of the South Dakota Electrical Commission to their in-person meeting on November 2.

Director Scouten presented the board with the proposed application review process and answered questions from board members. The board discussed the process. Tor Sorlien made a motion to approve the proposed application review process. Dave Eide seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED.**

Director Scouten presented the board with information on Demand Response Units (DRU) and SDCL 36-16-16(1). She asked for the board's opinions on whether or not the installation of DRU by the utility companies met the exemption. The board discussed the implementation of these devices by co-ops across the state for the last 40 years. It was the opinion of the board that the DRU meet the exemption under SDCL 36-16-16(1) as being involved directly in the manufacture and distribution of energy.

Director Scouten updated the board on the progress of the new database, the delayed rules packet, and the progress of the accounting reconciliation.

Brent Schoulte updated the board on the increase in permits and hopes to get an inspector hired in Aberdeen to help with the workload the inspectors are carrying.

The next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 11, 2024.

Doug Fuerst made a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting. Tor Sorlien seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was held. (Eide – Aye, Fuerst – Aye, Sorlien – Aye, **MOTION PASSED.** The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.