

**STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
November 8, 2024**

ATTENDEES: Division Director Craig Thelen, John Hiller, Don Gerjevic, Jim Brummer, Steve Farrington, Mike Hunsberger, Boyd Pedersen, Nate Francis and Chief Clint Hansen.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mike Hunsberger at 9:00 am No discussion of meeting minutes occurred. Motion to approve minutes made by Mike Hunsberger and seconded by Jim Brummer Voting aye; all.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Thelen financial report 33.70% of the year has elapsed and we are at 28.61% spent, Cash reserve is at \$940,738.04.

Discussed the renewal fees coming through the end of the year, and how the numbers look like we might have 5,000 or more additional licenses for renewal this year compared to 2022, along with discussion of additional permit fees that we are receiving on active permits and the increase in new permit fees for 2025.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Swearing in of new Board Member Nathan Francis.

Director Thelen has the permit/licensing software contract signed with Tyler Technologies and the schedule for implementation of the software will be approximately the 3rd quarter of 2025.

Quarterly Inspector staff meeting was held last week in Kearney in conjunction with the Nebraska Chapter of IAEI.

Director Thelen attended the NFPA code panel meetings in California last month and represented Nebraska on code panel 10 and code panel 15, plan to share updated code information with the Home Builders Association in a meeting this month.

Director Thelen has the hearing set up for Troy Little on November 27, 2024 at 10:30 am, this will include the Attorney General's office representation.

NEW BUSINESS

License renewal started last month and by November 1,2024 we have done almost 3000 licenses since October 15,2024 and we should be renewing almost 16,000 licenses based on the number of current electricians in our database.

Director Thelen put together a set of accomplishments in 2024 and has set goals for 2025 to share with the Board.

Director Thelen shared the proposed 2025 Board Meeting calendar and the Board suggested one date change, which would be changing November 14,2025 to November 7,2025, which the Board approved for 2025.

Director Thelen is requesting a change to a policy set in 1997 regarding peninsulas and island, would like to repeal this policy and go with the language of the 2023 NFPA 70 code that states the receptacle is optional, if they choose not to install there needs to be provisions for adding one in the future. Motion to approve repealing the 1997 policy and following the NFPA 70 2023 code language made by Steve Farrington and seconded by Boyd Pedersen Voting aye; all.

Director Thelen would like to update the Engineering form that we use for unlisted equipment and add a supplemental page with additional instructions for the engineer to provide with a project that they would be signing off on. A discussion was had regarding these increased requirements from the Engineers to help hold them responsible for providing more details on the equipment to make sure they meet the requirements within the NFPA 70. Motion to approve the supplemental page for the Engineering form for unlisted equipment made by Don Gerjevic and seconded by Nathan Francis Voting aye; all.

Director Thelen discussed article 500.4 for hazardous location drawings to be provided to the Inspector prior to the inspection and the Fire Marshal's office is going to help get the message out to Contractors and Engineers.

The Electrical Board went into Executive session for 28 minutes and voted unanimously for Director Thelen to receive a 5% salary increase along with a \$5,000.00 bonus effective January 1,2025.

Next Board Meeting is January 17,2025

Motion to adjourn at 10:12 am by Mike Hunsberger and seconded by Jim Brummer all in favor Aye; all.



Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary