

STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2025

ATTENDEES: Division Director Craig Thelen, John Hiller, Steve Farrington, Mike Hunsberger, Boyd Pedersen, Don Gerjevic, 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 John Hiller and seconded by Steve Farrington Voting aye; all.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Thelen financial report 66.58% of the year has elapsed and we are at 49.32% spent, Cash reserve is at \$1,713,717.19.

Renewal fees are at 1,087,039.00 with 11,882 licensed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

License renewal goes through March 31,2025.

District 18 inspector Ted Vakoc has started and is doing a good job on his own.

Licensing and Permitting software upgrade is going good, weekly commitments for progress meetings.

Director Thelen is requesting a vote on the fee schedule for next month so we can submit to the Attorney General by June 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Don Gerjevic has stepped down from the Board, Director Thelen has reached out to the Governor's office about backfilling the position and has not heard back yet.

Next quarterly staff meeting will be March 25th-26th and will include the Municipal Programs.

Director Thelen and Chief Hansen presented at the NREA meeting in February and the focus was disconnects, we will present again for NREA at the Engineers meeting in Kearney on April 1 in Kearney.

Allyson at the License Desk resigned and was replaced by Megan Cool who started 3/10/2025.

Director Thelen testified at the budget appropriation hearing on February 28 to include additional fees that were not included in the initial Budget, it also included PSL for another position, rent increase and payout for a retiring inspector.

Working on the 50th anniversary open house for this year.


Director Thelen attended the NASCLA conference in Salt Lake City, lot of states complaining about deregulation of the electrical industry.

Director Thelen would like to discuss possible disciplinary action against an electrician, will proceed with sending a certified letter to the electrician.

Additional discussion was had regarding the PSI exams and how it is going, it is going smoother and we have added another testing site in Omaha.

Next Board Meeting is April 25,2025

Motion to adjourn at 10.35 am by Boyd Pedersen and seconded by Don Gerjevic all in favor Aye; all.



Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary