

STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2025

ATTENDEES: Division Director Craig Thelen, Steve Farrington, Mike Hunsberger, Nate Francis, Boyd Pedersen, Jim Brummer, Tyler Ritz, Chief Clint Hansen.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Thelen financial report 17% of the year has elapsed and we are at 25% spent, with encumbrances \$593,218.92. The cash reserve is \$844,988.67.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Auditors finished their report, and we did pretty good. At the exit interview we addressed how we were going to handle all the items they identified in their report, the documents were signed by Mike Hunsberger-Board President and Craig Thelen-Director. There were items that were approved by the Board back in the early 2000's that we could not find evidence of for the Auditors, so would like for the Board to approve the following fees that we have been charging for since approximately 2003.

Duplicate License fee \$6

Approval notice for permits \$3

Existing Fire Alarm or Low Voltage Control Panel fee \$10

New Fire Alarm or Low Voltage Control Panel fee. \$30

Fire Alarm or Low Voltage control circuit zone or loop fee \$.50 per device

Motion to approve fees made by Steve Farrington and seconded by Nathan Francis Voting aye; all.

Shad's Electric submitted their business plan for the issues they were found responsible for in the Hearing and the Board approved the plan.

Director Thelen requested a final review of the State Act updates we talked about at the last meeting and the Board voted on it. Motion to approve updates to the State Act made by Tyler Ritz and seconded by Nathan Francis Voting aye; all.

New License and permit fees program have been moving along, and the project is getting extended until spring of 2026 as Tyler ran into issues building the licensing/permitting/inspection software into one Enterprise system, including a \$600,000 overrun in the budget, they agreed to absorb these additional costs, but in exchange for the additional fees, they asked for the extension and the Board supports it.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Thelen discussed the use of Drone Technology for inspections, safety and efficiency and the Board approved proceeding with this technology.

September 15-18 is the Western Section Conference in Kearney.

Director Thelen, Chief Hansen and Supervisors Farnstrom and Laska conducted interviews for the Supervisor position, and an offer was made, and David Giron has accepted the position effective September 20, 2025

The district 10 Inspector position was posted, and interviews were conducted on 9/9/2025 and an offer was made, Kent Helgoth accepted the position and will start October 6th.

Director Thelen will be meeting with MOBA on September 24, 2025 to discuss the 2026 code adoption.

Next Board Meeting is October 15, 2025

Motion to adjourn at 10:05 am by Boyd Pederson and seconded by Nate Francis all in favor Aye; all.



Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary