

STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
March 15,2024

ATTENDEES: Division Director Craig Thelen, Don Gerjevic, John Hiller, Mike Hunsberger, Steve Farrington, and Boyd Pedersen.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by John Hiller 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 66.85% of the year has elapsed and we are at 58% spent. Cash flow is at \$1,076,699.56.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Swearing in of new Board Members-Steve Farrington and Don Gerjevic.

Tony Smith has started with the Division as District 2 Inspector.

3 Legislative Bills have passed and include LB144-State Act Cleanup bill, LB716-Fee schedule bill moving to rules and LB172-NFPA 70 NEC2023 Code Adoption bill.

The Board is discussing the implementation of the 2023 code adoption, Mike Hunsberger made a motion to approve the code adoption for August 1,2024 and Jim Brummer seconded; voting aye; all.

Director Thelen working with the AG's Office to clean up outstanding bills from the Contractors.

Starting the process to fill the Supervisor Inspector Position.

Director Thelen announced the next quarterly Inspector meeting as March 28-29 to include the Municipal Inspectors on March 29.

Director Thelen working on a second PSI exam that will go live May 1,2024.

Director Thelen will be starting the budget development for the next budget cycle.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of replacement of VP for the Board since Kurt Griess has left the Board and John Hiller nominated Mike Hunsberger for this position. Boyd Pedersen made a motion to approve Mike Hunsberger for Vice President and Steve Farrington seconded; voting aye; all.

Completed Performance Evaluations for the Inspectors and the Office Staff and all Staff will get a 3% merit raise.

Director Thelen submitted a pay adjustment for Inspectors and will go through NAPE and Personnel for approval.

Update to the Policy Manual will include a policy on firearms Steve Farrington made a motion to approve the policy as submitted and Boyd Pedersen seconded; voting aye; all.

Director Thelen discussed the Low Voltage language for HVAC equipment, will continue to discuss what this language might look like.

Director Thelen discussed the quotes for the permit/licensing software and will continue to work on getting an additional bid for this work.

Director Thelen is recommending changes to rule 5, 8 and 9 and the Board approved proceeding.

Director Thelen proposed a fee schedule and the Board approved proceeding with the fee schedule as presented.

Board President John Hiller discussed the confirmation hearing process for the new Board Members.

Director Thelen Discussed the training that Director Thelen and Chief Hansen have been doing with Engineers to help explain code articles where we are seeing concerns on new construction across the State.

Next Board Meeting is April 19,2024

Motion to adjourn at 10:57 by John Hiller and seconded by Steve Farrington all in favor Aye; all



Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary