

STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
March 17,2023

ATTENDEES: Division Director Craig Thelen, Boyd Pedersen, Kurt Griess, Dave Hunter, Jim Brummer and Clint Hansen

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Kurt Griess 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% of the year has elapsed and we are at 50% spent. Cash flow is at \$1,458,297.00. License renewal is almost completed, and we are at 11,433 licenses.

Director Thelen shared with the Board that NAPE approved a 5% cost of living and 2% merit raise for the Inspectors for this year and 3% cost of living and 2% merit for next year.

Dave Hunter asked if we have seen an increase in Apprentice registration? which we have seen a steady number of apprentices and have seen an increase in Journeyman licenses.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Reciprocal EC licenses with Texas is completed and will likely go into effect April 1,2023.

Director Thelen talked about the 4 legislative hearings on bills which are LB144 for the State Act Update, LB172 for the NFPA 70 NEC 2023 code adoption, LB716 for moving the fees under rules and the Budget Appropriation Hearing, discussed that Senator McKinney will potentially move LB172 under his Committee bills as a priority and the other bills will possibly go to the consent calendar.

Director Thelen discussed the new Chief Clint Hansen getting up to speed and backfilling Clint's old District 9 position.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Thelen also discussed adding an Inspector in the Scottsbluff area and the Board is ok with that.

Director Thelen shared with the Board the upcoming travels for the Director and the Board was ok with it.

Director Thelen discussed the Licensing and Permitting software with NIC or now Tyler Technologies and the upgrade the Enterprise platform which would go into affective on or before March 1, 2024.

Director Thelen discussed the complaint from the Governor's office and Chief Inspector Hansen and Director Thelen have scheduled a site inspection on April 6, 2023 to address the concerns that were raised.

Director Thelen shared with the Board that Electrical Division has a staff meeting March 22nd and March 23rd with the Municipal Inspectors.

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 by Dave Hunter and seconded by Jim Brummer all in favor Aye; all

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Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary