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STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD– March 29, 2019

The Electrical Board meeting was held on March 29, 2019 in the meeting room located at the Lincoln City/ County Building room 210, Lincoln, Nebraska. President George Morrissey called to order at 9:00 A.M. Members present Tom Ourada; Cory Mueller, Mike Hunsberger, Jim Brummer and Ed Bergstraesser; also present were Mike Bouwens Chief State Electrical Inspector, Kevin Booker Executive Director, Kurt Griess (city of Grand Island) and Roger Bacon.

Minutes of the February 22, 2019 meeting were read; Cory Mueller moved and Ed Bergstraesser seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Voting aye; all.

ROGER BACON APPEAL

Roger Bacon applied to take a residential wireman license and was denied because he was not an employee of an electrical contractor. His appeal was based on the fact that the systems are plug and play connected and asked that the hours be applied toward acquiring a license to install a single PV circuit, discussion on establishing a special PV license was held and the board agree to consider this and discuss at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Ed Bergstraesser and seconded by Tom Ourada to deny but explore at a future time Voting aye; all.

FINANCIAL REPORT

February revenue was \$94,909.33 with expenses of \$125,632.06 leaving a reserve of \$1,486,864.70 as of February 28, 2019.

EXAMINATION REPORT

The Omaha exam was held on February 19, 2019 with 58 appearing and a 50% pass rate. The Norfolk exam was held March 19, 2019 with 96 attending and a pass rate of 42%.

POWER OVER EETHERNET

Discussion was held on the future of Power over Ethernet, as the current state electrical act does not address this type of installation, as it did not exist at the time the act was written and only refers to low voltage circuits with the exception of fire alarm circuits.

A POE circuit runs over cat5 and cat6 conductors, with the new technology there are many devices including lighting devices that use this technology.

Board discussion to seek further information to look into the safety concerns and to investigate how other jurisdictions are treating POE lighting applications to see if future regulation is needed.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Kevin updated the board on temporary inspector positions and the hiring of Ray Paulson as a temporary inspector, district 15 position, emergency appropriation for flood inspections, and software upgrades.

MEETING DATES

The next electrical board meeting will be May 3, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss, Cory Mueller moved and Jim Brummer seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:30 am.



Kevin Booker, Executive Secretary