

**STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING**  
**May19, 2023**

**ATTENDEES:** Division Director Craig Thelen, Boyd Pedersen, Kurt Griess, Jim Brummer, John Hiller, Mike Hunsberger and Clint Hansen

**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 Mike Hunsberger Voting aye; all.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Director Thelen financial report, 83% of the year has elapsed and we are at 60% spent. Cash flow is at \$1,443,853.00

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Reciprocal EC licenses with Texas is completed and went into effect 4/1/23

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 moved LB172 under his Committee bill LB531 as a priority AM1222, but ran out of time on the floor due to 6 amendments ahead of ours on the bill, so now the bill for the code adoption will move to next year and will be an early bill since it is already out of committee and the other bills will be heard next year as well.

Director Thelen discussed the open positions in District 7, District 9 and District 15 along with District 17. With Ralph leaving District 15, Todd Flick is moving to District 15 and District 7 was filled by Brent Kallhoff who started on 5/15/23 along with District 9 being filled by Billy Stevens who also started on 5/15/23. The only open position we have is District 17 and we did make 2 offers and they were both turned down, so we have more interviews next week to fill this opening. We also have another FTE approved by Personnel.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

Director Thelen and Chief Hansen met with a manufacturer in Sioux City regarding listed equipment.

Director Thelen shared with the Board that Electrical Division had a staff meeting March 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> with the Municipal Inspectors and it went well, there was a discussion about unlicensed inspectors working for the Municipal Programs and the note from the Board Meeting in 2009 approving this was discussed and a vote was taken to rescind this Board ruling regarding the Blair Municipal Inspection, all in favor Aye;all.

Director Thelen would like to see a cap on permits by contractors as we have several that have over 100 permits and would like to see this around 50 as a cap and the Board agreed to put a cap on permits at 50.

Director Thelen purchased 2 trucks from Federal Surplus and will continue to purchase more so we can get all of the inspectors that are in cars into trucks so they can perform their jobs without issue.

Director Thelen had the Board President John Hiller sign the PSI contract that was reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's office.

Director Thelen shared that we are now scanning all old invoices into on-base.

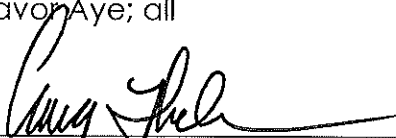
Director Thelen shared that we will have GIS mapping on our website that will help homeowners and contractors that are taking out permits know exactly if it is a State or Municipal Inspection, and this will go live June 1,2023.

Director Thelen discussed the training that we are doing for Natural Resources District on irrigation systems.

Director Thelen shared that we have an opening on the Board as Dave Hunter is no longer working for the Municipal Utility.

Next Board Meeting is July 7,2023

Motion to adjourn at 10:14 by Boyd Pedersen and seconded by Jim Brummer all in favor Aye; all

  
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Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary