

STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2025

ATTENDEES: Division Director Craig Thelen, John Hiller, Steve Farrington, Mike Hunsberger, Nate Francis, Boyd Pedersen, Jim Brummer, Tyler Ritz, Chief Clint Hansen and Guest Supervisor Inspector Kim Farnstrom.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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 100% of the year has elapsed and we are at 100% spent, with an underspend of \$585,838, with encumbrances this should drop down to around \$300,000. Cash reserve is \$1,346,573.56.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Auditors are still working on our report, we were identified in the vehicle assignments in the public Auditors report.

Hearing is scheduled for today following the Board Meeting for disciplinary action against an electrical contractor based on the allegations that were presented at the last Board Meeting.

The quarterly Staff Meeting in Grand Island went well, lot of good discussion.

Director Thelen and Supervisor Inspector Greg Laska attended the NFPA Conference in Las Vegas last month. Director Thelen accepted the nomination as President of the EIS NFPA Board of Directors, followed by a Presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Thelen and Chief Hansen held a disciplinary meeting on June 23rd, based on the information presented we are recommending further disciplinary actions to State Personnel and the Attorney General to include potential termination of employment.

Director Thelen would like to do a final review of the State Act Updates we talked about two Board Meetings ago and if agreeable by the Board, have a vote on the changes at the next Board Meeting.

Director Thelen would like to have the Board vote on an amendment to Policy 37 language regarding exam testing requirements. Motion to approve policy 37 made by John Hiller and seconded by Steve Farrington Voting aye; all.

Boyd Pedersen brought up the requirements for classifying hazardous locations and agreed to table the discussion for potential future state act updates.

Director Thelen added Homeowner permit fees to PITA. They used to select the minimum fee of \$25 but Statutes state the minimum fee should be \$30, and with the fee increases we have raised this to \$40, now we are working to make the adjustment on the fees collected by Tyler Technologies.

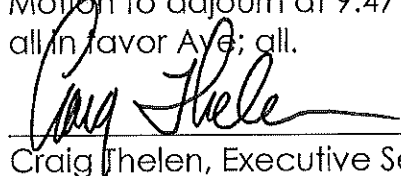
Director Thelen discussed looking into using drones to assist with aerial inspections to keep the inspectors safe from having to climb. Director Thelen will work to get a couple sites tested using drone technology and share with the Board.

The Board is recommending we hire an additional office assistant to help with Director Thelen's work load.

The Board approved a bonus of \$6000.00 for Director Thelen.

Next Board Meeting is September 12, 2025, this was originally scheduled for August 15, 2025.

Motion to adjourn at 9:47 am by John Hiller and seconded by Steve Farrington all in favor Aye; all.



Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary