STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING April 25, 2025

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

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 John Hiller and seconded by Jim Brummer Voting aye; all.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Thelen financial report 75.07% of the year has elapsed and we are at 55.07% spent, Cash reserve is at \$1,662,842.

Renewal fees are at \$1,124,099.00 with 12,010 licensed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

License renewal is completed.

Tyler Ritz has been appointed as the new Board Member, filling the open Electrical Inspector position.

Certified letter has been prepared for a July 11,2025 hearing following the Board Meeting for disciplinary action against an electrical contractor based on the allegations that were presented at the last Board Meeting a vote is being requested to proceed with the Hearing. Motion to proceed with the hearing made by John Hiller and seconded by Boyd Pedersen Voting aye; all.

Director Thelen is requesting a vote on the fee schedule for next month so we can submit to the Attorney General by June 30th. Motion to approve the fee schedule as proposed made by Tyler Ritz and seconded by Nate Francis Voting aye; all.

NEW BUSINESS

OPPD reached out to Director Thelen regarding the State taking over all of their inspections on their projects. Director Thelen visited with the Attorney General's office and it was determined that OPPD is considered a Political Subdivision, which allows them the ability to determine the authority doing their inspections,

but it would be their responsibility to communicate this to the City of Omaha, which they confirmed that they have done this.

Next quarterly staff meeting will be June 11th-12th and will be held in Grand Island.

Director Thelen was notified of a State Audit that would start on April 21,2025 and would go until mid to late May 2025.

Director Thelen would like to present some updates that the Division would like to make regarding the State Act statutes. We can review this Board Meeting and vote on the changes next month so Director Thelen can start the process to draft a bill for the next legislative session.

Chief Hansen received a couple calls with Contractors challenging the language in the code adoption in regard to dwelling units, the initial intent was for the GFCI protection amendments for 1-2 family dwelling units, but the language in the code adoption does not state that, so based on the Attorney General's opinion, we cannot enforce this on anything above the 1-2 family dwelling units.

Director Thelen discussed LB660 that passed.

Next Board Meeting is May 23,2025

Motion to adjourn at 10.12 am by John Hiller and seconded by Jim Brummer all in fay@r Aye; all.

Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary