

STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
November 19, 2021

ATTENDEES: Kurt Griess, Jim Brummer, Division Director Craig Thelen, Dave Hunter, Mike Bouwens, George Morrissey and by Webex Mike Hunsberger.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by George Morrissey at 9am. No discussion of meeting minutes occurred. Motion to approve minutes made by Dave Hunter and seconded by Jim Brummer Voting aye; all.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Thelen financial report, we are 33% spent and 27.05% of the year has elapsed. Few adjustments due to encumbrances. Cash reserve is at \$1,566,044. Discussion of why revenue is down, we will look at permits and see if the number of permits is down from last year to see if work is trending down.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Proposed calendar of Board Meetings approved after changing the date of November meeting to November 18,2022.

Nebraska Chapter of IAEl went well, had good dialogue with the Municipalities regarding some of their challenges. We will start setting up regular meetings with the Municipalities on topics that the State Inspectors have talked about where we had differing opinions on how we interpreted the code and what the consensus is with the State Inspectors.

Director Thelen met with the NREA Engineers group and had good discussion about solar, irrigation and directional boring. Sounds like there may be language coming out from the Utilities on directional boring and irrigation.

Director Thelen going out to Broken Bow to conduct a Town Hall Meeting on November 23rd. Custer Power will host the meeting.

The Board voted to approve the revised language for the policy on Listed Assemblies. Dave Hunter motioned to approve, and George Morrissey seconded the motion Voting aye; all.

Director Thelen met with the Lobbyist and Senator Bostar to discuss LB467 which is the code adoption. They will do a roll call with the Senators to see where we would be at with the vote to determine next steps for the code adoption. We also discussed the fees for late permits being raised from \$50.00 - \$250.00.

Director Thelen will be doing an awards ceremony for the Veteran Inspectors on December 3rd.

Director Thelen met with Jason Jackson from DAS about fleet vehicles. Transportation Service has to do a deficit request anytime we change from a car to a truck since they do not have the revenue to upgrade our cars to trucks, which delays getting the vehicle. We will continue to pursue buying our own vehicles, but as of now there are no trucks available to buy.

Director Thelen proposing postponing LB1174 for Legislation due to bills potentially crossing in Legislation.

NEW BUSINESS

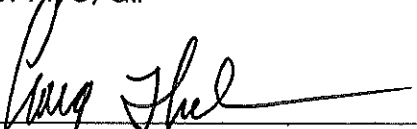
Continue to work on scanning licenses, currently working on Journeyman licenses.

Discuss open Inspector position and create a Supervisory role and split up the workload across the State.

Discussion regarding SunPro and the plans of action. Director Thelen drafted a set of expectations of SunPro moving forward, the issues are large in magnitude as an example Omaha has 80 permits with SunPro and 49 have rejections, issues are code violations, improper permitting and not permitting, non-licensed electricians. SunPro guest were invited into the Board Meeting and in attendance from SunPro is Shahin Haynes, Phillip Maguire and Joseph Chevalier. Discussed the work performance over the last 8 months including code violations and permitting. This is starting to impact the Utilities as well. There are a lot of areas where permits were not filed, wrong EC on file, permits were being done through the Louisiana office which was not working. Inspections were being filed by the homeowner, not properly licensed electricians, plans don't match the install.

Board voted on approving spreadsheet with the list of expectation of SunPro moving forward. This spreadsheet outlines next steps for SunPro and this will be revisited in January of 2022. Jim Brummer motion to approve second by Kurt Griess Voting aye; all.

Motion to adjourn at 10:19 by Kurt Griess and seconded by Jim Brummer all in favor Aye; all



Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary