

STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
July 7, 2023

ATTENDEES: Division Director Craig Thelen, Boyd Pedersen, George Morrissey, 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 Jim Brummer Voting aye; all.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Thelen financial report 100% of the year has elapsed and we are at 75% spent. Cash flow is at \$1,334,851.00

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Thelen met with the NREA Managers in McCook to discuss solar, emergency disconnects and permits in general.

We have another solar company out of Missouri working on commercial solar projects that are not licensed in Nebraska. The projects are for the Utilities but will require inspections since they are privately owned.

Director Thelen attended the NFPA Conference in Las Vegas and since Chief Inspector was unable to attend, we sent one of the inspectors in his place. There was good discussion on the upcoming code changes.

The Division purchased another fleet truck from Federal Surplus and will look at purchasing a couple more before the end of the fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing to work with Tyler Technologies on the Enterprise solution to the permits/licensing.

The Division ordered two additional laptops for the Inspectors.

The Division is starting the process to scan accounts receivable documents into Onbase, which is the same database as the licensing.

The Inspection Districts are all up to date.

The Division website is all up to date.

The Division now has GIS capabilities to find properties for inspection and it will identify who inspects, State vs. Municipal.

Director Thelen is working on a book to assist apprentice in preparation for their Journeyman exam.

Director Thelen discussed attending the National Electrical Reciprocal Agreement (NERA) conference in Alaska in August.

Director Thelen discussed low voltage licensing and the Committee that has started researching this for Nebraska.

Discussion was had regarding panel shops and meeting the qualifications. It appears they are using licensed electricians to do the work, but the concern is whether they are meeting the UL requirements and as long as the equipment is UL67 it would qualify.

Discussed the training we did with the NRD. We did 4 training sessions around the State and the information was very helpful and we will plan on doing these again next year.

Next Board Meeting is August 11,2023

Motion to adjourn at 10:35 by George Morrissey and seconded by Kurt Griess all in favor Aye; all



Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary