

**Meeting Minutes**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION**  
Microsoft Teams Meeting  
January 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. CST

Tor Sorlien called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Dave Eide, Doug Fuerst, Tor Sorlien, Bob Jarding, Carl Odde

**Members Absent:** Rick Cronin, Stephen Burgess

**Others Present:** Pamela Overweg, Program Director, Jerry McCabe, Division Director, Jodi Aumer, Director of Professional Licensing, Brent Schoulte, Lead Inspector SDEC, Kelsey Henson, Program Assistant, Jennifer Doubledee, Attorney, Billy Schneider, Muth Electric, Jeff Kirstein, IEC Dakotas, Jeff Sveen, Attorney, Teddi Mueller, Sioux Empire HBA, Kim Swift, Dakota Electric

Dave Eide made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Carl Odde seconded the motion.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

Tor Sorlien asked for public comment. Billy Schneider spoke in opposition of the fee increase bill. Jeff Kirstein spoke in opposition of the fee increase bill. Jeff Sveen asked to be a part of the Hutterite Colony Wiring Process discussion. Teddi Mueller spoke in opposition of the fee increase bill. Kim Swift spoke in opposition of the fee increase bill.

Director Overweg presented the board with information on the fee increase bill. The board discussed. Dave Eide made a motion to approve the proposed bill. Bob Jarding seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Carl Odde made a motion to form a subcommittee to discuss a change to the fee structure for the future. Bob Jarding seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Director Overweg provided an overview of information in the packet regarding surge protection. Brent Schoulte presented the board with information on the 2023 NEC Surge Protection Requirements. The board discussed. Dave Eide made a motion to form a sub committee to study surge protection requirements. Doug Fuerst seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Director Overweg presented the board with Machinery Designation Applications and supporting documentation. The board discussed. Dave Eide made a motion to accept the engineer's inspection of the safety of the equipment in the packet. Doug Fuerst seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Director Overweg presented the board with information on the 501(d) license and the Hutterite Colony wiring permit process. The board discussed. Jeff Sveen was asked to provide the commission with a list of Hutterite residents that hold an electrical contractor or class b electrician license. Carl Odde made a motion to form a subcommittee to discuss the 501(d) license. Bob Jarding seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Director Overweg presented the board with information on South Dakota Electrical Council membership and renewals. The board discussed. Doug Fuerst made a motion to only pay for

the board members who wish to renew their member with the South Dakota electrical council. Bob Jarding seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Tor Sorlien did not have anything to report as president.

Brent Schoulte updated the commission on the open position in Aberdeen and the inspectors working to get caught up with the current staff available in our budget.

Director Overweg updated the commission on the billing reconciliation completion, the RFI (Request for Information) for a new database, and the Aberdeen inspector position.

The next commission meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 10, 2025.

Bob Jarding made a motion to adjourn the commission meeting. Doug Fuerst seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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