

**Meeting Minutes**  
**ELECTRICAL COMMISSION**  
308 S Pierre St. Pierre  
July 18, 2019 at 8:30 A.M. CDT

President Sean Lyons called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. JJ Linn, Executive Director called the roll.

**Members Present:** Sean Lyons, John Hoffman and Rick Cronin. **Members Present via phone:** Duane Mergen, Russ Vanderwerff and Doug Fuerst. **Absent:** Dave Eide.

**Others Present:** JJ Linn – Executive Director, Roxie Mobley – Office Secretary, Graham Oey – Legal Counsel, Derek Degeest – Degeest Steel Works, Larry Kippes – City of Sioux Falls, Butch Warrington – City of Sioux Falls, Paul Mayer – Muth Electric, Paul Muth – Muth Electric, Shannon Globke – Muth Electric, Brad Solon – City of Rapid City, Tony Jockheck – South Dakota Home Builders Association and Todd Boots – South Dakota Home Builders Association.

President Lyons welcomed Rick Cronin to the Commission.

The meeting agenda was presented. President Lyons declared the agenda correct as presented as no comments were received from the members.

The January 19, 2019 Commission minutes were presented. President Lyons declared the minutes correct as presented as no comments were received from members.

Inspectors report:

- Director Linn reviewed the January 23-24, 2019 Inspector meeting minutes.

Old Business:

- Director Linn reviewed the number of allotted inspections per fee. Director Linn informed the members a fee increase will be proposed in the near future due to the cash decrease.

New Business:

- President Lyons informed the members and individuals present opponents and proponents will be granted the ability to testify in regards to the proposed machinery policy. Once completed the Commission will close the public input and open discussion among the members. Proponents and opponents testified. Public input was closed. The members discussed the proposal while asking questions of the public. President Lyons made a motion to accept the policy as presented. Cronin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** (Fuerst-yea; Hoffman-no; Mergen-no; Vanderwerff-yea; Cronin-yea; Lyons-yea; Eide - absent)
- Mergen exited the meeting at 11:53 A.M.
- Director Linn reviewed the designated machinery application. Derek Degeest presented the Degeest Steel Works application for consideration by the Commission. Cronin made a motion to approve the application as presented. Hoffman seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.** (Fuerst-yea; Hoffman-yea; Vanderwerff-yea; Cronin-yea; Lyons-yea; Eide-absent; Mergen-absent)

- Vanderwerff exited the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

Reports:

- The reports for January 2019 to June 2019 were reviewed.

Code Committee Report: No pending items at this time.

President's report: No pending items at this time.

Director's report:

- SB 35 passed.
- The North Dakota South Dakota electrical contractor reciprocal agreement was renewed on 7/10/19.
- Director Linn is in the process of working with Iowa in regards to exam grades. Currently Iowa is requiring a grade 5% higher than our exam passing grade to qualify for reciprocity into Iowa. For the time being South Dakota will require the equivalent of 5% higher than the Iowa exam passing grade to qualify for reciprocity into South Dakota.
- Director Linn will prepare a fee increase proposal for the next meeting.
- A Multi-unit fee clarification was added to the website.

President Lyons requested comments from the Members:

- Cronin asked if we need to meet more often to address designated machinery applications. Oey informed the members the applications may be remitted to the members individually for approval. A unanimous approval will require ratification at the following meeting. Application not receiving a unanimous approval will be placed on the agenda to be considered in person.

Future Meeting Dates

- October 17, 2019 – Commission Meeting – Conference Call – if needed.
- Cronin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m. Hoffman seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** (Fuerst-yea; Hoffman-yea; Cronin-yea; Lyons-yea; Mergen-absent; Eide-absent; Vanderwerff-absent)

Prepared by JJ Linn, Executive Director