

NORTH DAKOTA STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

The North Dakota State Electrical Board meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Rodney Mayer at the office of the North Dakota State Electrical Board, 1929 N. Washington Street, Suite A-1, Bismarck, N.D. Members present: Mark Christopher and Paul Durbin. Also present: James Schmidt, Executive Director; Ashley Windhorst, Assistant to Executive Director; Austin Lafferty, Special Assistant Attorney General; Curt Kasper, NECA; Jamie Helgeson, IBEW; Randy Bartsch, IBEW; and Chad Smith.

President Mayer asked for further Agenda items to appear at this meeting. Mr. Schmidt added coal mine experience, Three Affiliated Tribes meeting, CTE Board meeting, NDSCS Advisory meeting, May Board meeting date, and Administrative Rules Hearing. It was motioned by Mark Christopher and seconded by Paul Durbin to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried.

Mr. Schmidt discussed an email he received asking about coal mine experience being accepted for mine electricians. Individuals are concerned about none of their electrical experience counting if the mines should shut down some day. There is currently a section in the law exempting coal mines so this would have to be a legislative change.

Chad Smith appeared before the Board to appeal his denied Journeyman exam application. Mr. Smith has 20,000 hours of electrical experience in the state of Indiana. He has worked 2,000 hours in North Dakota as a registered apprentice. Motioned by Paul Durbin and seconded by Mark Christopher to approve Chad Smith to take the Journeyman Placement exam. Motion carried.

At 8:50 a.m., Chad Smith left the meeting.

Mr. Schmidt spoke to Legislative Counsel and the Board's Administrative Rules hearing is scheduled for June 9, 2020.

Mr. Schmidt discussed moving the May Board meeting to the 13th. The Board discussed and it was decided to change the date of the May meeting.

Mr. Schmidt indicated him, and Scott Halle will be attending the NDSCS Advisory Education Committee meeting and the NDSCS Job Fair in February.

Mr. Schmidt indicated he was invited to attend the CTE Board meeting January 29, 2020 to discuss grants and other possibilities to expend funds to promote the electrical industry.

Mr. Schmidt indicated the Electrical Board will host a meeting called for by the Three Affiliated Tribes Inspections Dept. with the ND Plumbing Board, ND Health Department, ND Boiler Inspections and ND Fire Marshall regarding proper inspections/licensing on the Three Affiliated Tribes properties.

Mr. Schmidt indicated the tuition reimbursement of 75% for Ashley Windhorst has been completed as she received her HR Management Certificate from Dickinson State University in December.

Mr. Schmidt and the Board reviewed the apprentice registration for Dillon Jesz. Motioned by Paul Durbin and seconded by Mark Christopher to approve the apprentice registration for Dillon Jesz.

Mr. Schmidt discussed providing a scholarship option for apprentices registered in a related training electrical apprenticeship program. Discussion was had about the requirements these individuals would need to meet. The Board decided to table this item and discuss further at the March meeting.

At 9:30 a.m., Earl Scherer entered the meeting.

The Brady Martz audit has been moved to the March agenda.

Mr. Schmidt indicated ITD has finished setting up all the new computers. Now the process will need to start in transitioning the server over to ITD.

Mr. Schmidt indicated the Administrative Rule revisions from the Special Board Meeting are in progress. Mr. Schmidt has visited with the Attorney General's Office, Governor's Office and Legislative Counsel about complaints that NDSEB has not fulfilled requests for our rules, all of which indicated it's not problematic for the Board to still be working on them. The adjusted rules are presently being reviewed and will be first sent to the ND Attorney General's Office the second week of February.

Mr. Schmidt discussed Tim Allard. The District States Attorney indicated nothing has been settled. The Board will wait for that result.

At 9:40 a.m. Scott Halle entered the meeting.

Scott Halle discussed the January 7, 2020 Marketplace for Kids event in Minot that he and Ashley Windhorst attended. Mr. Halle showed the Board the simple motor kits and simple circuit kits that the 6th grade students assembled. The next event will be the end of February in Bowman, ND. All 16 CEU classes have been held and there were 1,273 attendees overall. Scott is reviewing 2020 CEU classes for approval, answering code questions, and updating exam questions for 2020. Scott is also scheduled to meet with high schools to talk about the electrical industry.

At 9:50 a.m. Scott Halle left the meeting. Doug Grinde entered the meeting.

Doug Grinde reviewed the number of wiring certificates per county and district. Inspectors have been roaming to help in districts with higher certificate numbers. Doug Grinde discussed Jason Parsons with the Board.

At 10:10 a.m. Doug Grinde left the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be March 25, 2020.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Mark Christopher and seconded by Paul Durbin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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Rodney Mayer, PRESIDENT

Tom Paulson, SECRETARY