

NORTH DAKOTA STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

The North Dakota State Electrical Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Earl Scherer at the office of the North Dakota State Electrical Board, 1929 N. Washington Street, Suite A-1, Bismarck, N.D. Members present: Karen Karls and Rodney Mayer. Also present: James Schmidt, Executive Director; Lyle Wergeland, Director of Inspections; and Paula Glass, Office Manager. Members present by telephone: Kyle Miller and Ben Koppelman.

James Schmidt informed the Board that the Governor's Executive Order 2012-01 concerning the issuance of temporary journeyman permits issued to volunteer electricians expired on December 31, 2012. David Demaree, a contractor in Minot, North Dakota, is requesting that the Governor's Order be extended to allow the volunteers to continue to help the citizens of Minot after last year's flood. Mr. Schmidt reported that Jerod Tufte, legal counsel to Governor Jack Dalrymple, indicated the Governor would most likely extend the Order if the Board approves.

Paula Glass informed the Board that there were no volunteers that applied for the temporary volunteer journeyman permit following the previous Executive Order. The Board was primarily working with Lutheran Disaster Response in coordinating these efforts.

Mr. Schmidt explained that Mr. Demere's electrician volunteers are usually here for only two weeks, and they did not want to go through the process of testing to obtain the temporary journeyman permit. Mr. Demere is seeking continuance of the Executive Order 2012-01 via his letter request addressed to the Governor dated February 8, 2013, so his volunteers can apply, test and he won't have to supervise them as apprentices as he currently does.

At 10:25 a.m., David Demere entered the meeting through telephonic conference.

Mr. Schmidt explained to Mr. Demere the process the Board followed with the previous Executive Order on screening applicants. Mr. Demere explained that his volunteer groups, which primarily entail Hope Village and Lutheran Social Services, and himself would screen and submit information to the Board for processing in advance [2-3 weeks] of the volunteer coming to North Dakota.

At 11:20 a.m., David Demere left the meeting.

After further discussion, it was motioned by Ben Koppelman and seconded by Rodney Mayer to support an extension of the Executive Order until October, 2013. Motion carried.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Rodney Mayer and seconded by Karen Karls to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Earl Scherer, PRESIDENT

Karen Karls, SECRETARY