

**IDAHO ELECTRICAL BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Thursday – January 22, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. (MT)

**Division of Building Safety
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d’Alene
2055 Garrett Way, Building 1, Suite 4, Pocatello
1118 F Street, Lewiston (DEQ)
650 Addison Avenue West, Suite 110, Twin Falls (DEQ)
900 North Skyline, Suite B, Idaho Falls (DEQ)**

NOTE: The following report is not a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting;
however, is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.

Chairman Bob Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. (MT).

Board Members Present:

Bob Scott, Chairman
Jeff Wheeler, Vice-Chairman
Dale Pippitt
Denis Duman
Mark LaBolle
Allan Perman
Rick Stark
Greg Eagy
Al Frieze

DBS Staff Members Present:

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator-Operations
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator-Administration
Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General
Bill Hatch, Public Information Officer
Mick Williams, Electrical Program Manager
Terry Blessing, Regional Manager, Region 1
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3
Gary Sonnen, Regional Supervisor, Region 1
Kevin Gellings, Regional Supervisor, Region 2
Adam Bowcutt, Regional Supervisor, Region 3
Jason Black, IT Resource Manager
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

◆ **Recognition**

Tim Phillips was recognized for his many years of service on the Idaho Electrical Board with a commemorative plaque.

◆ **Introduction**

Rick Stark, Power Provider Representative, was welcomed to the Board as the newest member.

Gary Sonnen was introduced as the Division’s newly appointed Regional Supervisor for Region 1.

◆ **Open Forum**

City and County Concerns – No items or concerns were brought forth.

Five-Year Apprentice Rule – Rex Berry, Berry Electric, requested the five-year apprentice registration requirements, as stated in IDAPA 07.01.03.012.01a “Requirements for Apprentice Electrician”, be removed since there are apprentices who do not aspire to become journeymen. Mr. Berry suggested apprentices should take 16-hours of code update training, for every code cycle, to renew their registration.

The Chairman stated an apprentice and apprenticeship program is a means to become an electrical journeyman, not a career.

◆ **Approval of the January 22, 2015 Agenda**

MOTION: Allan Perman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mark LaBolle seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the October 23, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Mark LaBolle made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Allan Perman seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Administrative Appeals Hearing**

Frank Triano Electric – NOV ELE14-0038 – Frank Triano represented Frank Triano Electric, Electrical Program Manager Mick Williams represented DBS, and Deputy Attorney General Patrick Grace was the facilitator. Sarah Triano was a witness for Frank Triano Electric, and Building Safety Inspector/Advisor Kevin Hubble was a witness for the Division. All parties provided testimony and argument on NOV ELE14-0038, violation of IDAPA 07.01.011.08 “Corrections”. The Board upheld the \$100 penalty fee, and Mr. Triano was advised of his rights.

MOTION: Mark LaBolle made a motion for the Board to uphold the Notice of Violation, the corrections should be made, and an outlet should be installed in the island. Allan Perman seconded.

AMENDED MOTION: Mark LaBolle amended the motion to reflect ALL corrections to be made as indicated in the Notice of Violation; meeting the requirements in the code. Allan Perman seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

ACTION: The Deputy Attorney General will create a Final Order for the Chairman’s signature, and provide a signed copy to Frank Triano.

Dale Garner Electric – NOV ELE1409-0074 – This case was resolved prior to the meeting.

◆ **CEU Hours on Renewals/Website**

The Deputy Administrator-Administration addressed proposed changes to the Division’s software program, e-TRAKiT, as it pertains to CEU hours and online renewals. A demonstration of the changes to the program was provided by the IT Resource Manager.

It was asked, and DBS agreed, to create a link in e-TRAKiT to a list of approved CEU courses.

ACTION: In e-TRAKiT, the Division will create a link to a list of approved CEU courses.

◆ **Idaho Statute 54-1009 Revocations or Suspension of Licenses--Hearings--Taking Testimony**

As addressed at previous meetings, proposed legislation was presented to the Board. The primary change would be to transfer the responsibility for levying civil penalties and disciplinary matters from the Administrator to the Board.

For discussion at the April 2015 meeting, the Deputy Administrator-Operations offered, and the Board agreed, for DBS to provide a list of appropriate penalties to the Board prior to the meeting.

ACTION: Prior to the April 2015 Board meeting, DBS will provide a list of penalties for the Board to review and discuss at the April 23rd meeting.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

2014 Code Enforcement – Effective January 1, 2015, the 2014 National Electrical Code has been fully implemented and is being enforced by DBS.

Solar Photovoltaic – Solar Photovoltaic classes, designed specific to inspections, will be provided to the Division’s inspectors.

Verification Permit Report – The Chairman stated the only information needed on the *Verification Permit Report* is the inspector’s name, region, and number of licenses verified.

ACTION: For the April 2015 meeting, the *Verification Permit Report* will only consist of the inspector’s name, region, and number of licenses verified.

The Deputy Administrator-Administration offered, and the Board agreed, to place a summary of the report in the board packet and the detailed report on the Division’s website.

ACTION: Beginning with the April 2015 meeting, the Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary will place a summary of the *Verification Permit Report* in the packet and the detailed report on the Division’s website.

Journeyman First Exam Attempts Report – The Journeyman First Exam Attempts Report, November 2013 through December 2014, was reviewed.

Notice of Violations (NOV) Report – The NOV Report, October 1, 2014 through January 1, 2015, was reviewed.

◆ **Operational Report**

Legislation – The Senate Commerce and Human Resources, and House Business Committees recommended passing the three dockets on the electrical side.

New Board – There is the prospect of DBS acquiring a new board related to dig line/damage to underground facilities. The Division has been working with proponents, primarily the utility industry, on proposed legislation.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Manager – Kathleen Watkins, DBS Financial Manager, has taken a position with Idaho Professional-Technical Education.

Financial Report – The Electrical Board Fund, FY 2015 financial statement as of December 31, 2014, was reviewed.

Permits and Revenue – The Deputy Administrator-Administration addressed the permits and revenue statistics specific to the electrical industry.

Construction – Following are new, existing or future construction projects throughout the state of Idaho: 1) Magnida Fertilizer Plant, American Falls; 2) McCain Foods Potato Plant, Burley; 3) Sun Valley Lodge, Sun Valley; 4) Hailey Airport, Hailey; 5) 5-star/5-story hotel facility, Ketchum; 6) 250 acre commercial/housing facilities to include a “box” store, Wood River Valley; 7) Simplot Packing Plant, Kuna; 8) Hospital, Coeur d’Alene; and 9) Condominium, Coeur d’Alene.

◆ **Adjournment**

MOTION: Denis Duman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark LaBolle seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. (MT).

BOB SCOTT, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO ELECTRICAL BOARD

C. KELLY PEARCE, ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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