

**IDAHO ELECTRICAL BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Wednesday – October 27, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. (MDT)

**Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d’Alene
155 North Maple Street, Blackfoot**

***DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2021 MEETING**

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

Chairman Bob Scott called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. (MDT)

Board Members Present:

Bob Scott, Chairman
Todd Feusier, Vice-Chairman
Rick Stark
Jim Marchetti
Greg Eagy
Chad Fields
Casey Wilson
Jim Swier

DBS Staff Members Present:

Ron Whitney, Administration
MiChell Bird, Bureau Chief
Spencer Holm, Deputy Attorney General
Warren Wing, Electrical Program Manager
Gary Sonnen, Regional Supervisor, Region 1
Shelly Dixon, Regional Supervisor, Region 3
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2

◆ **Open Forum**

City/County Concerns – There were no city or county concerns.

Enforcement – George Stanton, Comet Energy, questioned, and Electrical Program Manager Warren Wing explained non-licensed contractors performing electrical installations can be issued a civil penalty.

◆ **Approval of the October 27, 2021 Agenda**

MOTION: Greg Eagy made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jim Marchetti seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the July 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Casey Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Chad Fields seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Application Related to Training Provider--Clover Park Technical College**

The college withdrew its request to become a provider.

◆ **Milking Equipment Considered Industrial Machinery**

Based on Idaho Code § 54-1016 *Exemptions*, the question arose whether milking equipment can be installed without any type of approval listing.

MOTION: Todd Feusier made a motion to require milking equipment, or similar products, to be listed as they present undue hazard to life and property. Chad Fields seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Schedule 2022 Board Meetings**

Proposed 2022 Board meeting dates: January 26, April 27, July 27, and October 26. The July meeting was changed to the 20th.

MOTION: Rick Stark made a motion to approve January 26, April 20, July 20, and October 26 as the 2022 Board meetings. Casey Wilson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Zero Based Regulation (ZBR) – (Summary of Comments, Ideas, and Transcripts Available)**

Electrical Program Manager Wing provided the background, requirements, and major electrical topics for ZBR. To ensure the Board oversees and consents to proposed electrical rule changes, Chairman Scott prepared the following motion.

MOTION: Greg Eagy made a motion that the Electrical Rules, to be submitted to the 2023 Idaho Legislature, required by the Zero Based Regulations standard shall not vary in substance from the current rules unless each addition and/or deletion has been approved individually by affirmative vote of the Electrical Board. Chad Fields seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

Clearwater County Fire-Permits – In October 2020, the Board moved to waive the permits fees with the understanding the property owners would still need to take out a permit, get inspections and meet all life safety standards for the trades. At this time, there has been one electrical and two HVAC permits taken out.

Staffing – An update on the number of electrical supervisors/inspectors in each region was provided.

Plan Reviews – The number of plan reviews received, reviewed, and/or returned was provided.

National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance (NERA) – Program Manager Wing provided a report based on the October 2021 NERA conference.

Compliance Report – The Compliance report was addressed.

◆ **Administration Report**

Permit Activity – The Division’s permit activity was provided.

Retirement – Former Administrator Ron Whitney announced his retirement at the end of December 2021.

DOPL Update – Bureau Chief MiChell Bird provided an update on the DOPL organization.

◆ **Adjournment**

MOTION: Jim Marchetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Feusier seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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