

**IDAHO ELECTRICAL BOARD
SPECIAL TELE/VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Thursday - March 17, 2016 - 4:00 p.m. (MDT)

**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**

**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 4:00 p.m. (MDT).

Board Members Present:

Bob Scott, Chairman
Joe Harbacheck
Rick Stark
Greg Eagy
Allan Perman
Dale Pippitt

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Wheeler, Vice-Chairman
Mark LaBolle
Denis Duman

DBS Staff Members Present:

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator-Operations
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator-Administration
Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General
Warren Wing, Electrical Program Manager
Bill Hatch, Public Information Officer
Larry Jeffres, Regional Manager, Region 1
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3
Terry Blessing, Compliance Program Manager
Gary Sonnen, Regional Supervisor, Region 1
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Support

◆ **Submersible Pumps Legislation**

The Board was asked by Senator Nonini and stakeholders in northern Idaho to reconsider the opposition to House Bill 615 as it relates to new and retro-fit systems used in lakes, rivers, ponds and streams.

Senator Nonini sponsored, and Representatives Barbieri and Redman co-sponsored, House Bill 615. The bill would: 1) Add a new section to Chapter 10, Title 54, Idaho Code; 2) NEC Articles 110.3(A), 110.3(B) and 682 would not apply to specific use of the pumps; 3) DBS to promulgate rules; 4) Two-year sunset clause; and 5) Effective upon sine die of the 2016 Legislature.

It was suggested a collaborative group be assigned to find a reasonable standard or interim standard for the use of pumps and how they are wired, as well as negotiate standards for other electrical installations around bodies of water. The Administrator recommended at least one meeting be conducted in northern Idaho.

MOTION: Joe Harbacheck made a motion that the Board not oppose the current proposed legislation. Allan Perman seconded.

AMENDED MOTION: Joe Harbacheck made a motion that the Board not oppose House Bill 615. Allan Perman seconded. Five ayes, one nay, motion carried.

Regional Manager, Region 3, explained that Watertronics, a Lindsey Company, has produced a High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) submerged pump system called BlackMAX™. A variety of models are available to handle a wide assortment of irrigation applications from 50 GPM to 1500 GPM.

Chairman Scott stated that while there are a lot of drownings/deaths in public waters in Idaho, none of them have been substantiated as having been caused by submersible pumps.

The Chairman suggested, and the Administrator offered, to send to each county coroner in the state of Idaho a survey with regard to drownings in the vicinity of submersible pumps in public waters.

ACTION: The Division will send a survey to each county coroner regarding submersible pumps in the vicinity of drownings/deaths in Idaho public waters.

◆ **Adjournment**

MOTION: Dale Pippitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Eagy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. (MDT).

BOB SCOTT, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO ELECTRICAL BOARD

C. KELLY PEARCE, ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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