

Electrical Examiners Board (Tuesday, November 7, 2023)

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Meeting Called to order at 5:55 PM

Members present

Donald Haskin, Chairman

Robert Spence, Member

Ron Derby, Member

Dale Abell, Member

Members Absent

Ronald Phetteplace

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order Start Board of Electrical Examiners Meeting

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call of the Board of Electrical Examiners Meeting

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve October 3, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion by Ron Derby, second by Dale Abell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ron Derby, Robert Spence, Dale Abell

Abstain: Donald Haskin

Supporting Staff Present

Amber Harding, Permits Manager, Land Use and Growth Management

Betty Nickerson, Sr. Administrative Coordinator

Supporting Staff Present

John Sterling Houser, Assistant County Attorney, St. Mary's County Government

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Amber Harding, Permits Manager, Land Use and Growth Management read the monthly report for October, 2023.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Authorized Code Inspectors: Amber Harding, Permits Manager, Land Use and Growth Management is working with others on seeking other agencies for inspections. The St. Mary's County Ordinance was also reviewed and it does not state that another electrical inspector cannot do an inspection if there is a building permit associated. The concern was the Middle Department Inspection Agency's (MDIA) policy. Amber Harding, Permits Manager, Land Use and Growth management has reached out to the Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA) and it was stated that the Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA) will accept inspection reports from an authorized certified inspector.

B. Letter to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for Master Electrician Registration: John Sterling Houser, Assistant County Attorney, St. Mary's County Government will email St. Mary's County Administrator the letter and a summation of the letter in one paragraph an clarity of whether the Commissioners of St. Mary's County

will want to proceed forward. The findings will be discussed at the Board of Electrical Examiners Meeting on December 5, 2023.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Open Meetings Act: John Sterling Houser, Assistant County Attorney, St. Mary's County Government explained to the Board of Electrical Examiners the Open Meeting Act for St. Mary's County.

B. Amendment to the NEC 2023 210.52.C Kitchen Islands: Discussion on the NEC 2023 210.52.C Kitchen Islands. The Board of Electrical Examiners will not ask for an amendment to the NEC 2023 210.52.C Kitchen Islands at this time. The Board of Electrical Examiners will wait until the NEC 2026 Code is published for review. The Board of Electrical Examiners will continue discussion of amendments to the NEC 2023 Code in the December 5, 2023 meeting.

C. Meter Tampering: Ron Derby, Member stated the Southern Maryland Electric Coop (SMECO) is still working on the process for meter tampering but would like the opinion of the Board of Electrical Examiners. Don Haskin, Chairman stated an unqualified person pulling the meter is no different than an unqualified person pulling the emergency disconnect. The only difference is that the Southern Maryland Electric Coop (SMECO) will know if someone pulls the meter but does not know why it was pulled. Ron Derby, Member stated that the Southern Maryland Electric Coop (SMECO) may put disclaimers on the meters stating that meter can only be pulled by Southern Maryland Electric Coop (SMECO) personnel. The Board of Electrical Examiners will continue discussion at the December 5, 2023 meeting.

D. Approval of Board of Electrical Examiners Meetings 2024 Schedule
Move to approve the Board of Electrical Examiners Meetings 2024 Schedule
Motion by Robert Spence, second by Ron Derby.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ron Derby, Donald Haskin, Robert Spence, Dale Abell

7. BEE Round Table

Amber Harding, Permits Manager, Land Use and Growth Management will want to discuss the budget in a future meeting.
Amendments to the NEC 2023 Code to be on the agenda for December 5, 2023.
Betty Nickerson, Sr. Admin Coordinator asked what code will the homeowner test be for January 2024.
Don Haskin, Chairman stated the test will be given from the NEC 2017 Code.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the Board of Electrical Examiners November 7, 2023
Motion by Dale Abell, second by Ron Derby.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ron Derby, Donald Haskin, Robert Spence, Dale Abell

Meeting Adjourn at 6:53 PM