



Kent County Board of Electrical Examiners

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Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2024

The Kent County Board of Electrical Examiners met on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland. The following members were in attendance: Victor Shepard, Acting Chair, and William Baldwin, Member. Also, present were Bill Mackey, Director; Bryan Foreman, Chief Code Enforcement Officer; Mike O'Neil, Code Enforcement Officer, Craig Busick, MDIA inspector, and Beth Grieb, Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. The March 7, 2024, minutes were reviewed by the board members. Since the in-plant electrical license is not permitted anymore, Bryan Foreman followed-up with Angelica Nurseries, Dixon Valve and Chesapeake Farms to let them know that electrical work must be performed by a master electrician who is registered with Kent County. Bryan notified these three companies that the in-plant electrical license is not permitted, and Bryan confirmed with these companies that they are using master electricians who are registered with Kent County. Also, any new electrical work must be inspected once the electrical work is completed. Bill Baldwin made a motion to approve the March 7, 2024, minutes, and Victor Shepard seconded the motion. The March 7, 2024, minutes were approved.

2023 National Electrical Code (NEC)

Mike O'Neil sent an e-mail to John Bull, Executive Director of the Maryland Board of Electricians, regarding the date of adoption of the 2023 NEC. Maryland is required to adopt the 2023 NEC code 18 months from the date of its publication. The 2023 NEC was published in September 2022. March 2024 is the state's recognition date of the 2023 NEC. Queen Anne's County plans to adopt the 2023 NEC in July or August 2024. The Kent County Board of Electrical Examiners decided to adopt the 2023 NEC on May 1, 2024. Kent County building permits issued after May 1, 2024, must comply with the 2023 NEC. Bill M. will send an e-mail to the construction trade persons regarding Kent County's adoption and enforcement date of May 1, 2024, of the 2023 NEC. Kent County's website will be updated to reflect the adoption and enforcement date of May 1, 2024, of the 2023 NEC.

MUELEC

MUELEC will hold a zoom meeting on May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Bryan forwarded the e-mail from MUELEC that includes the minutes from the previous MUELEC meeting and provides the details of the May 22nd zoom meeting. Bryan will e-mail MUELEC and request MUELEC to add Victor S. and Bill B. to the MUELEC e-mail address list.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Victor S. motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Bill B. seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

/s/ Victor Shepard

Victor Shepard, Acting Chair

/s/ Beth Grieb

Beth Grieb, Clerk

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