

**TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2017 MEETING**

ATTENDEES

Chris Kleppinger Maria Brophy
Tim Fluharty Brent Garner
Joe Secrist
Bob Jump
Don English

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes from the March 16th meeting were read by Bob Jump. A motion was made by Don English to approve the minutes and was seconded by Joe Secrist; decision passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Brent Garner stated that the RFP for Electrical Inspection Services and Electrical Permitting has been approved and signed by MDIA. Brent is currently working on creating an electrical permit.

Bailey Marine sent Chris Kleppinger a bill from Lane Engineering. The Board is requesting payment from the Department of Planning and Zoning.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of license applications.

Letter of Good Standing for Robert Simmons.

Brent Garner stated that the Board has the option to pay the Land Surveyor bill, or request in writing for the Department of Planning and Zoning to pay the bill. Tim Fluharty made a motion to pay the bill with the Electrical Board's budget and was seconded by Don English; decision passed unanimously. The bill must be coded appropriately before being sent to the Finance office. Brent Garner and Chris Kleppinger will look into coding the bill.

Brent Garner is currently working on the electrical permit process. Brent stated that the permit fee will be \$20, which will be added onto MDIA's fee. The permit application will be posted on the County website, and can be faxed, emailed or dropped off to the Permits and Inspections office. After further review of the Talbot County Code, the Law Office has determined that the Building Official has the authority to require permits for all trades, including electric. Chris Kleppinger stated that he believes there is an inconsistency between the County Code and the Electrical Code because the Electrical Code states that inspections fall under the Board's jurisdiction. Bob Jump stated that the County Code is referring to permits and not inspections. Because the Electrical Code states that inspections fall under the Board's jurisdiction, Chris would like the Permits and Inspections office to provide a written request for the Board to approve the RFP. A flyer for the electrical permits will be mailed out with each license renewal application.

Tim Fluharty asked if a flyer for the Text Amendment to the Floodplain Legislation could also be mailed with the license renewal applications. Chris Kleppinger does not believe the Text Amendment has been approved by the County Council. Brent Garner will confirm this.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next meeting will take place on May 18, 2017.