

**Poplar Bluff Electrical Board Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers – 301 South 5th Street
Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901**

MINUTES

The Poplar Bluff Electrical Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023, in the City Council Chambers, 301 South 5th Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Chairman Bryce Huffman called the meeting to order promptly at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was as follows:

ROLL CALL

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Asa Wyatt Bruce Huffman Keith Berry Landon Massingham Lyndell Coleman Clay Gutterman		Irene Morse Tony Chilton Wade Bridgewater Wesley Whelchel

Approval of October 6, 2022, Minutes

Mr. Keith Berry made a motion to approve the October 6, 2022, minutes as printed. Mr. Lyndell Coleman seconded the motion. With all attending Board members in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Advertisement

This meeting was advertised in the Daily American Republic on Saturday, December 31, 2022.

Disclosure of Interest

Chairman Bryce Huffman had a conflict of interest on Item A in New Business, Mr. Wesley Whelchel's request to take the journeyman electrician's test.

New Business

- A. Request to take Journeyman Electrician's test – Wesley Whelchel

Ms. Irene Morse advised Mr. Wesley Whelchel was unable to get a letter from Master Electrician Tony Wallace, however, he did provide copies of pay stubs and income taxes. There was an apprentice license pulled by Mr. Wallace in January 2019 and Summit Electrical provided an affidavit of employment.

With no further discussion reported, Mr. Lyndell Coleman made a motion to approve Mr. Wesley Whelchel's request to take the journeyman electrician's test. Mr. Asa Wyatt seconded the motion. With all attending Board members in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Request to take Journeyman Electrician's test – Wade Bridgewater

Chairman Bryce Huffman advised he added up some of the dates of employment and he does not see that it adds up to the full number of required hours. City Inspector Tony Chilton advised Poplar Bluff Technical Building Trades is a combination of all trades and not just electric. Chairman Huffman advised to receive credit for schooling it would have to be specific for electrical. Mr. Chilton advised the 2017 through 2019 for Kenchin Energy Solution under Sherman Smiley that Mr. Smiley did not become a master until 2019 and Kenchin did not have a license. He advised there were only two months with Richard Robinson and then 2020 with Bryan Electrical out of Alpharetta Georgia.

Mr. Wade Bridgewater explained he contacted Master Electrician Ken Lawrence and he would provide a letter but he was recovering from back surgery and his daughter was in the hospital. It may take a little longer to submit the letter. He was hoping a letter would had already been submitted. Mr. Berry suggested they get the letter before the next meeting. Mr. Lyndell Coleman advised Mr. Bridgewater would had to work under a master when they worked on Scotty's Brewhouse. Chairman Huffman asked about June 2021 to current. He asked if he was running his own company by himself. Mr. Bridgewater advised he pays Mr. Sherman Smiley to work with him. He advised Mr. Smiley goes to every job with him and he pulls any permits in the city limits. Mr. Berry suggest they get a letter from Mr. Ken Lawrence before they make a decision on this matter. Mr. Bridgewater asked if he had enough hours without Kenchin. Mr. Berry advised the only apprentice cards they show are from June 2019 to December 2022 which will run him about six months short from the required four years. Mr. Bridgewater advised he veered from the trade school and strictly electrical underneath Mr. Cody Cochran the teacher and he went to skill USA and competed against college students. Mr. Berry explained that give you practical experience but does not constitute as a degree, course or certificate in electrical.

With no other discussion reported, Mr. Keith Berry made a motion to table Mr. Wade Bridgewater's request to take the journeyman electrician's test upon receipt of a letter from Master Electrician Ken Lawrence or until his four-year requirements are met. Mr. Landon Massingham seconded the motion. With all attending Board members in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Request to put Journeyman Electrical License in escrow – Shaun Foster

Ms. Irene Morse explained the electrical board told Shaun Foster he could take the master electrician's test upon receipt of a letter from Mr. Ray McManus. Mr. McManus provided a letter however she wanted the board to review the letter and make a decision. Mr. Keith Berry explained per ordinance, it states a journeyman has to be under the supervision of a master electrician so they can inspect the work. Mr. McManus letter does not meet the intent of the ordinance. He would need to provide a letter stating he is checking the work. Chairman Bryce Huffman agreed, these gentlemen need to work under a master. Mr. Berry advised if Mr. McManus wrote a different letter, then they would reconsider. Ms. Irene Morse explained Shaun Foster has his state license and his bucket list is to take the City of Poplar Bluff test and get a Poplar Bluff License.

With no other discussion reported, Mr. Keith Berry made a motion to grant Mr. Shaun Foster's request to put his journeyman license in escrow. Mr. Lyndell Coleman seconded the motion. With all attending Board members in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business.

Mr. Keith Berry asked if the electrical disconnect was finalized. Mr. Tony Chilton advised yes. Chairman Bryce Huffman asked about manufacturing if there were a certain size. Mr. Chilton explained the board left it open due to the different types and it would fall back onto the City Inspector because the engineer would spec it out.

Discussion:

None reported.

Adjournment

With no other discussion reported, Mr. Lyndall Coleman made a motion for adjournment. Mr. Keith Berry seconded the motion. With all attending Board members in favor, the Poplar Bluff Electrical Board meeting for this evening came to a close at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ms. Irene Morse, Recording Secretary