

**Poplar Bluff Electrical Board Meeting
Thursday, March 2, 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, March 2, 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>
Clay Gutterman Bruce Huffman Keith Berry	Asa Wyatt Landon Massingham Lyndell Coleman	Irene Morse Tony Chilton Jeremy Wethington Wesley Whelchel

Approval of January 5, 2023, Minutes

Mr. Keith Berry made a motion to approve the January 5, 2023, minutes as printed. Mr. Clay Gutterman 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, February 25, 2023.

Disclosure of Interest

None reported.

New Business

- A. Approval of journeyman electrician's test - Wesley Whelchel

Ms. Irene Morse advised Mr. Wesley Whelchel scored an 86% on his journeyman's electrical exam, which is a passing grade.

With no other discussion reported, Mr. Keith Berry made a motion to grant Mr. Wesley Whelchel's request for a journeyman's electrician's license. Mr. Clay Gutterman seconded the motion. With all attending Board members in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Request to take Journeyman Electrician's test – Jeremy Wethington

Mr. Keith Berry asked Mr. Jeremy Wethington about his employment with Briggs and Stratton. Mr. Wethington said he has been with Briggs for 18 years but has been at his current role for 15 years. Mr. Berry asked if he had been doing side work with Master Electrician Jim Hobbs. Chairman Bryce Huffman asked about a master electrician at Briggs and Stratton. Mr. Wethington advised Briggs used to have Mr. Rick Pierce and Mr. Todd Razor, but no one at this time. He advised a Mr. Butch Dillinger takes care of most of the electrical maintenance when they bring a new service in the plant. Chairman Huffman asked about the dates on the application. He advised the application shows 2022 and 2023, but he has apprentice cards for a longer time period. Mr. Wethington advised he had an apprentice card in 2017 and 2018, he advised those dates was emailed to him after he filled out the application. He advised work was chaotic and he stopped working with Mr. Jim Hobbs, but last year he started working with him again because he needed help with specific projects.

With no further discussion reported, Mr. Keith Berry made a motion to approve Mr. Jeremy Wethington request to take the journeyman electrician's test. Mr. Clay Gutterman seconded the motion. With all attending Board members in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business.

Ms. Irene Morse advised Shaun Foster never provided an updated letter from Mr. Ray McManus, but he has his state license. The city never got a letter from Mr. Kenneth Lawrence for Wade Bridgewater. Mr. Tony Chilton advised he has heard from contractors that Mr. Bridgewater is trying to bid for big commercial projects without a license. He advised he can not bid on these projects. Master electrician Sherman Smiley can, but Mr. Bridgewater cannot. Ms. Morse advised it was tabled until he could provide a letter from Mr. Kenneth Lawrence or until his four years comes up. Mr. Keith Berry advised it would come up at the end of May. Chairman Huffman asked about the employer in Georgia. Ms. Morse advised she called and verified his employment, however, he is not allowed to contact them due to a work compensation claim he has against them. Mr. Chilton advised they cannot count the Poplar Bluff Highschool because that was trade in general, not just electrical. Mr. Berry advised they have record of his apprentice licenses. Ms. Morse advised his dates of employment didn't coincide with his employment verification or Mr. Richard Robinson's dates.

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Discussion:

Chairman Bryce Huffman is concerned about these letters without any proof of experience. He would like to change the ordinance. He is suggesting proof of actual working hours and not just years.

Adjournment

With no other discussion reported, Mr. Keith Berry made a motion for adjournment. Mr. Clay Gutterman seconded the motion. With all attending Board members in favor, the Poplar Bluff Electrical Board meeting for this evening came to a close at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ms. Irene Morse, Recording Secretary