

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting April 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cuming County Public Power District was held at the meeting room in the District Office, 500 South Main Street, West Point, Nebraska on the 14th day of April 2021 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler, Petersen and staff members Doggett, Haase, Haber and McWhorter.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publications attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Directors and acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda confirmed at this meeting.

Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of the Board of Directors. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

President Strehle publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the entrance to the meeting room where meetings are normally held.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items:

Suggestion Box Contents: None

Call to Order

Roll Call

Agenda as Amended - Attached

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Treasurer's Report - Attached - All questions were addressed.

Financial & Statistical Report - Attached

Safety Committee Report:

Operating Safety Committee Minutes (Attached) All questions were addressed.

Outage Reports - March (Attached)

Staff Reports: (Haase, Haber)- (Attached)

- (1) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek **to accept the consent agenda items as presented.**

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Weiler	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Petersen **to enter into Executive Session at 9:17 am to discuss confidential and proprietary issues.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

President repeated the board will go into executive session to discuss confidential and proprietary issues.

The board came out of executive session at 9:35 am.

Director Weiler left the meeting at 10:05 am.

- (3) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Policy 220A - Uniforms as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Weiler	Absent
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (5-0).

- (4) After discussion a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept Policy 512 - Security Light as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Weiler	Absent
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (5-0).

Director Kluthe noticed in March's board minutes former board member Fred Schneider's name was present. March board minutes were adjusted.

### **Directors' Expense and Reports**

Director expenses were presented.

Director Petersen said that he finished his last director class. He also stated that the Bancroft substation is looking good. General Manager McWhorter said that they still need to lay grass seed on the dirt work and put up the fence.

Director Kluthe told Scott Haber that there is still static. Haber said that they were not able to check it out last month but will make sure to drive the line this month.

Director Mostek had a customer say that they heard rumors of 3 potential wind towers in Cuming County. Mostek called and talked to General Manager McWhorter. We are not aware of any truth to these rumors.

Director Strehle attended the CoBank Virtual Event. Strehle said it was a nice event for being online. The highlight of the event was the Keynote speaker, who was a former navy seal.

### **Meeting Updates**

#### **NE G&T Meeting**

Discussion was held in Executive session.

### **Director Assignments**

#### **NRECA Legislative Conference**

The conference will be held virtually at the CCPPD office. Director Strehle is attending and anyone else is welcome.

#### **NREA Quarterly Board Meeting**

Meeting will be the first week in May.

### **Managers Expense & Report**

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

#### **Solar**

Solar for the power district is going well. There are 6 solar projects in the que and many others have contacted CCPPD about installations. McWhorter is really trying to talk to customers about shopping around when thinking of solar. Prices are very high with some companies and he wants them to make sure they are getting the best deals they can.

## **COVID**

Most employees have gotten both shots and some are still in the process. Masks have relaxed in the office but are still worn when dealing with the public.

## **NPPD Plan B**

NPPD board are still considering the options presented from their consultants last month. Any move toward Plan B will result in increased cost and decreased reliability. Chet will continue to advocate for the customer. Major concern is the changing from reliability to resiliency. Public power is known for being reliable and should stay that way.

## **Old Business**

### **85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Discussion**

Discussion was held on having the 85<sup>th</sup> celebration. It was decided that pass on a big celebration this year and wait until the 90<sup>th</sup>. As the 85<sup>th</sup> gets closer the board would like to see the newsletter and media discuss the 85<sup>th</sup> and maybe have some history of CCPPD involved.

### **Bluestem/Cuming County Open House Discussion**

McWhorter talked to Matt from Bluestem about an open house and said that it was up to our board what we would like to do. The board decided to not do an open house.

## **New Business**

### **Policy 220- A Uniforms**

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

### **Policy 512 - Security Light**

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

**The next regular meeting will be held May 12th, 2021 at 9:00 am.**

**Motions were read by Doggett.**

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

First Quarter Recap

The motion was made at 10:36 am to adjourn the meeting by director Mostek and seconded by director Kluthe.

I the undersigned, Secretary for the Board of Directors of Cuming County Public Power District hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the District Office, 500 South Main Street, West Point, Nebraska; that subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that said minutes were in written form and available for inspection within ten working days and prior to the next meeting of said body.

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