

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting April 10, 2024

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 10th day of April 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Petersen, Arduser and staff members Haase 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 Arduser **to accept the consent agenda items as presented.**

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Arduser	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (2) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Policy 503- Line Extension with changes are presented.**

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Arduser	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

Strehle left the meeting at 10:25.

- (3) After discussion a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Kluthe **to accept Ethan Buhrman for the Lineman Scholarship.**

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Arduser	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Absent
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (5-0).

Strehle returned to the meeting at 10:27.

- (4) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Arduser **to accept Policy 331 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Arduser	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (5) After discussion a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Arduser **to accept new Policy 333 - Artificial Intelligence as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Arduser	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Klute	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

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

Director expenses were presented.

### **Meeting Updates**

#### **NEG&T Meeting**

Mostek noted that the G&T increased their per diem by \$50. Negotiations with NPPD doesn't seem to be of utmost concern at the G&T regarding the future contracts. There has only been one managers meeting and that was not called by Bloomquist. It has been very different that Pontow's participation in the contract negotiations. Much conversation ensued about how to move forward and what could be behind the non-committed attitude and the relationship between the G&T and NPPD.

### **Director Assignments**

McWhorter and Strehle will be attending the Legislative Rally.

McWhorter, Strehle and possibly Mostek will be attending the NREA meetings in Norfolk.

McWhorter and Strehle will be attending the CFC Forum with other directors possibly going.

### **Managers Expense & Report**

Chet McWhorter had no expenses.

McWhorter is working on three different issues with NPPD: a future potential load, the new contract and transmission policies.

The updated line extension policy is in the board book.

The uncollectible reserve journal has been made and we will continue to monitor.

Kaup inquired about the bonuses received by NPPD employees. The potential backlash from this NPPD move was discussed.

The letter that White made us aware of regarding batteries was discussed.

The wind turbine is still down, and the repair date has been moved out.

### **Old Business**

#### **Policy 503 - Line Extension**

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

### **New Business**

#### **NREA Manager Discussion**

There are basically two options for the NREA manager - renew the contract with Custer Public Power and continue with Nelson or go out on a search for a new manager. Currently NREA pays Custer and Custer supplies NREA with Nelson's services. Nelson is agreeable to continue this arrangement where he is working both for NREA and Custer Public Power District. This could be renewed on an annual basis.

#### **Lineman Scholarship Application**

After discussion and review of the application from Ethan Buhrman, the board approved his scholarship as previously set up.

#### **Distributed Generation Report**

Haase will have the report in next month's meeting.

#### **Policy 331 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

#### **Policy 333 - Artificial Intelligence**

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

**The board watched the video series Juiced - Part Two.**

**The next regular meeting will be held Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 am.**

McWhorter and Arduser discussed Director Summer School during lunch.

Motions were read by Haase.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

First Quarter Recap

The motion was made at 11:16 am to adjourn the meeting by director Kaup and seconded by director Petersen.

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.

SEAL

---

Secretary