

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting April 9, 2025

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 9th day of April 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Biteghe, Kluthe, Mostek, Petersen, Arduser and staff members Haase, Doggett, 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. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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
Biteghe	Yes	Arduser	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

At 10:30 am, prior to discussion on Qualified Local Generation Rates, Director Kluthe informed the board that he has conflict of interest related to the project in question. Kluthe filled out the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure which included with these minutes.

Director Kluthe left the meeting at 10:32 am.

- (2) After discussion a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Mostek **to table the Rates for Qualified Local Generation as presented.**

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Arduser	Yes
Biteghe	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Absent	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (5-0).

Director Kluthe reentered the meeting at 11:18 am.

- (3) After discussion a motion was made by Director Biteghe and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept Resolutions to KBR and Stanton Public Power for their help with the March Storm.**

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Arduser	Yes
Biteghe	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

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

Mostek	Yes	Arduser	Yes
Biteghe	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (5) After discussion a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Mostek **to accept new Policy 333 - Artificial Intelligence as reviewed.**
A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Arduser	Yes
Biteghe	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

Directors' Expense and Reports

Director's expenses were presented.

Director Kluthe asked if we had a 100% participation in the Acre program. General Manager stated we did not, and he is looking at bringing James from NREA back in to talk about the importance of ACRE and what it does for our industry. Kluthe also inquired about the Union Contract with the lineman and when the contract is up. Scott Haber said the contract is up in 2026.

Director Strehle asked Haber to discuss the double throw switches he had in his Operations report. Haber gave the amounts that would be owed for a 200-amp service and the cost for underground. He reminded the board the prices would change every year.

Director Arduser stated that she got some compliments on our Facebook page and updates during the winter storm. She also asked that Kinzey look into the Directors class training for NRECA, she is interested in attending.

Meeting Updates

NEG&T Meeting

Director Mostek attended the finance meeting the night before the NEG&T meeting. General Manager McWhorter joined Mostek for the NEG&T meeting. During the meeting discussions were held on the PCA, NPPD Contract, financing for the project and they voted on new members for president, vice president, etc.

Director Assignments

NRECA Legislative Rally

Directors Biteghe, Kluthe and Mostek will attend the meeting with General Manager McWhorter and Kinzey Doggett. Director Strehle will be at the meeting but as a NRECA board member.

NREA Board and Committee Meeting

The meeting will be held in Norfolk May 7th through May 8th. General Manager McWhorter, director Strehle and Mostek will attend the meeting.

CFC

Directors Biteghe, Kluthe and Mostek will attend the meeting with their spouses and General Manager McWhorter.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter had no expenses.

Winter Storm

Cuming County had a storm roll through our district on March 19th. With the help from Stanton PPD and KBR, the district did a great job of getting everyone's power back on in a short amount of time. McWhorter was the most satisfied with the safety of the crew. No injuries or accidents were reported. Once power was restored in Cuming County, we sent a couple of our linemen over to Burt County to help with their repairs from the storm. Currently we are working on paperwork to get a good estimate for NEMA.

NPPD Contract

Meetings continue to meet monthly. During the February board meeting, NPPD provided their board and wholesale customers with a draft contract with provisions that NPPD would like to see. An additional concept regarding capping the amount of capacity received from NPPD has been introduced.

Strategic Planning

The 2015 Strategic Plan is in the Call to Order on the dashboard. McWhorter asked the board members to review and look over what we did back then. Then think about our areas of strength and weaknesses for our next Strategic Plan. The meeting will be held in May.

Public Contact

General Manager McWhorter discussed with the board of a customer who moved a shed without informing Cuming County PPD. While the shed was being moved, it tore down a wire which caused a small ditch fire. During that time a lineman who lives in the area noticed and stopped the customer from continuing. The lineman called General Manager McWhorter and Operations Manager Scott Haber. The shed is still on the side of the road, while the customer goes through the proper channels to move the shed.

Lineman Appreciation

The Lineman appreciation will be on Monday April 14th and breakfast will be served. The board is invited to attend and thank the lineman for their work.

Public Comment

No public comment was given.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business**Rate for Qualified Local Generation**

Discussion was held on the rate for Qualified Local Generation, and it was voted to table the rate until next month's meeting. This will give board members time to review the rates and get the best fit for Cuming County customers.

Resolution 2025-02 Appreciation to KBR

Resolution was approved and signed to show appreciation to KBR with their help during the Winter Storm.

Resolution 2025-03 Appreciation to Stanton County PPD

Resolution was approved and signed to show appreciation to Stanton County PPD with their help during the Winter Storm.

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 NRECA Governance Video - Board's Role in Safety.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday May 14th, 2025,
at 9:00 am.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

First Quarter Recap

Rate for Qualified Local Generation

The motion was made at 11:47 am to adjourn the meeting by
director Petersen and seconded by director Arduser.

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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Secretary