

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting April 10, 2019

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 2019 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Schneider, Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler and staff members Doggett, Haase and McWhorter. Guests in attendance Matt Robinette and Adam Herink, from Bluestem, Willis Mahannah, West Point Newspaper. Public in attendance: Lori Urwiler, Jesse Urwiler, Darin Urwiler, Steven Ott, Justin Bellar, Adam Ott, Jordan Feller, Larry Moller, JR Breitzkreutz, Pam Breitzkreutz, Daryle Urwiler, Travis Hallstad and Alan Borgelt.

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 the meeting was being 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:

Schneider	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (2) After discussion a motion was made by Director Schneider and seconded by Director Mostek **to enter into Executive Session at 10:27 a.m., to discuss proprietary/confidential issues.**

A roll call was as follows:

Schneider	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 proprietary/confidential issues.

The board came out of executive session at 11:09 am.

- (3) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Schneider **to accept Generator Interconnection Agreement by and between Cuming County PPD and Cuming County Renewables, LLC, as well as an additional agreement regarding any communications potential issues that Bluestem will resolve.**

A roll call was as follows:

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Schneider	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (4) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Power Purchase Agreement between Cuming County PPD and Cuming County Renewables, LLC.**

A roll call was as follows:

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Schneider	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (5) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek **to accept Policy 503 - Line Extension as revised.**

A roll call was as follows:

Schneider	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (6) After discussion a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Schneider **to accept Policy 220-A, Uniforms as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

Schneider	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

Public Comment

JR Breitreutz was present to discuss his concerns with Bluestem and installing a wind turbine. These are his concerns:

- There was no contact from Bluestem about the project. Going all the way back to when the project was started in 2016.
- The survey that CCPPD sent out was not received by anyone in the room. Breitreutz thought that it was strange since everyone in the room is close to the site.
- JR Breitreutz said that the hole was dug by an unlicensed company and that is against federal law.
- His "RTK" GPS system will be affected by the wind turbine. Breitreutz said Bluestem asked for coordinates to run a study to see if it would affect the "RTK" system. He never received those results.

- Does not see how the tax savings will help the customers.
- Worried about the noise and the blinking red light.
- Does not feel like CCPPD board members have done their due diligence for this project.
- Breitzkreutz has made contact with people up North where there are wind farms and says they regret having it there.
- He does not believe this will keep rates low, he thinks the rates will raise no matter what.
- Believes if CCPPD builds one wind turbine it could lead to more being built.

Breitzkreutz stated that he had signatures against the project. When the board members asked for the copy, he said he was not comfortable handing that information out.

Daryle Urwiler

- Against the wind turbine
- Feels the board needs to do their due diligence and do more research.
- Brought an article on reasons not to sign a wind contract and presented it to the board.

Travis Hallstad

- Feels there was not enough communication about building a wind turbine.
- Stated that the board wants this because none of the board members will be affected by the wind turbine.
- Thinks the board needed to talk to the community better.
- Against having the wind turbine built.

Steve Ott

- Against the wind turbine.
- Worried about the noise.

Matt and Adam from Bluestem both spoke to the concerns of the public.

- Will committee to JR Breitzkreutz to make sure that the wind turbine will not affect his "RTK" GPS system
- There was no violation of federal law when digging the hole. Boyd Jones did the work and they are a licensed contractor.
- Bluestem takes full advantage of the tax credit.
- There are no direct grants.
- The wind turbine noise is 50 decibels, which is the same noise a dishwasher makes. The closest residence is ½ mile away, the noise level will be a whisper in a library. The turbine will only make noise when it is operating.
- They are a local company and invest back to the state.

General Manager Chet McWhorter spoke to the concerns.

- The survey was sent to every customer. CCPPD has 4,000 meters and 2,700 customers. The survey was in the bills, on the CCPPD website, newsletters, handout at the front desk, and on social media websites. Also, was mailed to e-billed customers in a separate mailer. CCPPD received 17% of the surveys back and the normal acceptable response rate is 3%. The survey showed that customers would not be against a wind turbine. When the survey went out, there was not a proposed site for the wind turbine so there was no leaving out customers that would be potentially near it.
- There will not be a wind farm, CCPPD can only have 1 wind turbine. CCPPD has a small load and only 10 % can be from renewable. The one wind turbine will meet that need.

Public left at 10:20 am.

Directors' Expense and Reports

Director expenses were presented.

Director Strehle had a customer call him and let him know how much they appreciated the lineman during the flood. Keeping a lineman on the west side of the river was smart and they were able to have the power returned quickly.

Meeting Updates

NE G&T Meeting

Director Mostek is the representative for CCPPD and was nominated to be on a couple of the G&T committees.

The NE G&T minutes were provided in the Board Book.

Director Assignments

NRECA Legislative Conference is in Washington D.C, April 28th through May 1st. General Manage McWhorter and directors Strehle and Schneider will be attending the conference.

NREA quarterly meetings will be in Norfolk, NE, May 8th and May 9th. General Manager McWhorter and director Strehle will be attending the meeting. McWhorter stated that is any of the directors would like to attend to please let him know.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter had no expenses to report this month.

NREA Net Metering Taskforce

Will be meeting June 28th in Lexington to continue the discussion. The goal is to have something together for the 2020 legislative.

NE Legislative

The primary discussion is on budget, Medicaid and property tax relief. There is not any discussion on public power at this moment, but Chet will keep paying attention.

Solar

March average was the lowest production that CCPPD has seen. Director Mostek asked if it was not working properly. Chet stated it is working fine, the weather has not been favorable for solar this last month.

Old Business

Lincoln Premium Poultry Project

Scholting's is off and running, will have power in May. This is a four-barn site. Otte's has slowed down on CCPPD end. Director Weiler stated that they are wiring the barn and should have chickens in July.

Bluestem

The board agreed to have Bluestem continue the project for the wind turbine. Production should start in November of 2019. Bluestem will be writing up a side contract agreement for customers who have potential communications issues, that Bluestem will resolve. Bluestem has also spoken to Skywave and they are not worried about the wind turbine and interference with internet.

Matt Robinette and Adam Herink left the meeting at 11:26 am.

Line Extension - Policy 503

The revised policy was discussed and approved with the operation procedure.

New Business

Policy 220- A Uniforms

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Youth Energy Camp

5 students have signed up for the Youth Energy Camp. The board agreed that have 5 students may attend the Camp in July of 2019.

Executive session was held from 10:27 am until 11:09 am.

The next regular meeting will be held May 9th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

First Quarter Recap

Renewable Solar: AJ Kush - Net Billing Concept

The motion was made at 12:02 pm to adjourn the meeting by director Mostek and seconded by director Weiler.

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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