# CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT West Point, Nebraska

# Regular Meeting August 7, 2023

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 7th day of August 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler, Petersen and staff members Haase, Doggett and McWhorter. Guest in attendance Dan Payton from Okonite and Darin Blomquist from the NEG&T.

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 - July (Attached)

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

1) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Petersen to accept the consent agenda items as presented.

A roll call was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Kluthe	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Weiler	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 303B Injury Prevention, as reviewed.

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

3) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Weiler to accept Policy 512 Security Lighting, with changes as presented.

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

4) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek to authorize management to accept the quote from Survalent for a new SCADA Platform and to pay the money necessary to get the upgrade started in the first quarter 2024. The remainder of the project will be in the 2024 budget.

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

### NEG&T Presentation

Darin Bloomquist from the NEG&T gave a presentation on these items:

- 2022 CFC Results
- NPPD Financials
- New ERA Program
- Quick summary of Nebraska G&T

Darin left the meeting at 10:05 am.

Dan Payton from Okonite entered the meeting at 10:10 am.

# Okonite Presentation

- Dan from Okonite, gave a presentation on:
- Overview of Okonite and what they do
- Supply Chain issues and the challenges they are facing.
- How Okonite is looking at adapting to these new challenges.
- Capital Investments
- Process Improvements
- Equipment Utilization

Dan Payton left the meeting at 11:00 am.

# Directors' Expense and Reports

Directors reported their expenses.

Director Strehle stated that he appreciated the typed incident reports.

# Director Assignments

#### NREA Quarterly Board Meeting

The meeting will be held in Scottsbluff August  $8-10^{\rm th}$ . Director Strehle will attend with General Manager McWhorter.

# NPPD Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held in Kearney August  $17-18^{\rm th}$ . Director Strehle and General Manager McWhorter will attend the meeting.

# NPA Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held in Kearney August 22-23rd. As of right now, no one can attend the meeting.

# Managers Expense & Report

Chet had no expenses.

#### Rates and PCA

CCPPD's cost of service study called for a 2% rate increase through 2024 to maintain our cash position. 2024 is showing a higher PCA and that will put our wholesale rate closer to 2022 numbers. However, we will still experience a .08% increase in the wholesale rates. Next month Kari Haase will provide the necessary information for the board to consider a rate increase for 2024.

#### NPPD RRC/PRAB Customer Meeting

The meeting was held in Columbus on July 20<sup>th</sup>. There was an update on Zone 5 and discussion on proposed wholesale rate for 2024, update on NPPD's generation capacity additions, changes made to the 2024 Energy Wise program and a legislative update.

#### NREA DC Fly In

The fly in this year is September 19-20. So far General Manager McWhorter has heard that you would meet on Tuesday evening with NRECA and go over the various items to be discussed. Then on Wednesday meet with all the delegates. Only director Kluthe has shown interest in attending.

#### Line Loss

Director Stehle asked McWhorter to review the data. McWhorter handed out a graph showing the line loss date from 2012 to present date. It was stated that once the new SCADA upgrade happens, it will be easier to see where the line loss is and what it is affecting.

#### Public Comment

No public comment

#### Old Business

No Old Business to report.

# New Business

#### Policy 303B - Injury Prevention

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

# Policy 512 - Security Lighting

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

#### SCADA Upgrade

Discussion was held on the cost of updating the SCADA software. Board approved the cost to upgrade SCADA.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday September  $13^{th}$ , 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Kinzey will discuss her experience at the NREA Energy Camp during lunch.

Motions were read by Doggett.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

General Manager Review

Mid-Year Review

Rates

The motion was made at 11:38 a.m. to adjourn the meeting by Director Weiler 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.

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