

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting August 14, 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 14th day of August 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Arduser, Petersen and staff members Haase, Doggett, Haber and McWhorter. Guest in attendance Tina Pinkelman-Biteghe Bi Ndong.

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 Mostek **to accept the consent agenda items as presented.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- 2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Arduser **to accept Policy 409, Board Expense and Per Diem, with changes as presented.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried with 5 votes in favor and 1 abstention

- 3) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Mid - Year Review 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 Petersen and seconded by Director Arduser **to accept Policy 423 - YELC Participation, with changes as presented.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

5) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek **to accept Policy 424 - Youth Tour Participation, as presented.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

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

Directors reported their expenses.

Director Kaup inquired about the budget and meeting fees. CFO Kari Haase stated that everything is in line and looks well for the budget.

General Manager McWhorter discussed an Incident with the directors.

Director Kluthe asked about the cost of credit card fees. Kari said there is a cost to have customers use their credit or debt cards. The fee is low and a large amount of CCPPD customers use the service.

Discussion was held on helping drive the shuttle next year at the fair. The shuttle will also need to be cleaned before next year.

Director Strehle has been attending other board meetings with NREA Manager Rick Nelson. Strehle noticed that other board rooms had an American Flag in the room, and they said the Pledge of Allegiance before the meeting.

Cuming County sent three linemen to the storm job in Omaha. Operations Manager Haber will discuss how it went with the board members at lunch.

### **Director Meetings**

#### **NREA Quarterly Meeting**

Director Strehle attended the meeting with General Manager McWhorter held in Scottsbluff. The audit, legislation, policy and resolution along with JT&S was among the items discussed during the meeting.

**NEG&T Meeting**

Director Mostek and General Manager McWhorter had a teleconference on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was to give Darin the power to sign documents related to a Solar project.

**NPPD Meeting**

Director Mostek and General Manger McWhorter attended the meeting in Columbus. The wholesale power contract was a big discussion. Other items discussed were the wholesale rate update for 2025, changes to electrification incentives for 2025 and Wheatbelt and NPPD supreme court case regarding retail and wholesale rates.

**Director Assignments****NPPD Annual Meeting**

The meeting will be held in Norfolk on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Directors Arduser, Mostek, Strehle and Kluthe will attend the August 15<sup>th</sup> evening meeting. Director Mostek and Strehle will then attend the all-day meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**NRECA Regional Meeting**

All items are taken care of for the Regional Meeting. Directors Strehle, Arduser and Petersen will be attending the meeting with General Manager McWhorter.

**NEG&T Quarterly Board Meeting**

Director Mostek will attend the meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Nebraska.

**Managers Expense & Report**

Chet reported his expenses.

**Nebraska Lineman's Rodeo**

McWhorter sang the National Anthem at the rodeo and was also a judge for a couple of the competitions. He enjoyed the Rodeo and hopes to see a couple of our linemen there next year.

**Northeast Mangers Group**

The group met on July 31<sup>st</sup> in Hartington. Topics discussed during the meeting were: NREA, the special session of the NE legislature, NPPD contract, NEG&T project and load control. The next meeting will be held in October at Cuming County PPD.

**Public Comment**

Tina introduced herself and is running to be a director in Ed Kaup's division. She has been a customer of CCPPD for 10 years and is in her 18<sup>th</sup> year of working with the Chamber.

## Old Business

### **Policy 409 – Board Expense and Per Diem**

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

## New Business

### **Mid-Year Review**

Kari Haase presented the mid-Year Review. During the Mid-Year Review director Kaup asked that CCPPD investigate time of use meters for the future. More discussion was held, and the mid-Year Review was approved.

### **Policy 423 – YELC Participation**

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

### **Policy 424 – Youth Tour Participation**

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

**The board watched the NRECA Governance Talk Video on Artificial Intelligence.**

**The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

**Scott Haber will discuss the lineman who did storm work in Omaha during lunch.**

**Motions were read by Doggett.**

## ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

General Manager Review

The motion was made at 10:54 a.m. 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.

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Secretary