

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting December 14, 2022

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 December 2022 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Petersen, Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler and staff members Doggett, Haase, Haber and McWhorter. Guests in attendance were David Branch, Economic Development Director. Tyler Toline, CEO of Franciscan Healthcare.

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 - November (Attached)

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

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

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

Dennis Weiler entered the meeting at 9:12 am.

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Kluthe **to table REDLEG Grant discussion until the next meeting.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (3) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept the Expense and Capital Budget for 2023, as presented**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	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 Policy 205 - Insurance, Retirement and Savings Plan as reviewed.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (5) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Weiler and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Policy 504 - Labor and Equipment Rates, with changes as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (6) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Weiler and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Policy 105 - Equal Employment Opportunity as reviewed,**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

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

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (8) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Weiler and seconded by Director Kluthe **to accept Policy 330 - Telecommuting/Work from Home as reviewed.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (9) A motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Mostek **to enter into Executive Session at 11:48 a.m. for the protection of the public interest.**
A roll call was as follows

Petersen	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 issues.

The board came out of executive session at 11:57 am.

Directors' Expense and Reports

Director expenses were presented.

While discussing the Treasurers report, director Kluthe asked about the bill for Spenner Electric. Wondering why we hired an electrician to repair lights at the pole yard and office. Scott Haber stated the linemen are not licensed to work on the lights inside, so we hire an electrician to do the work.

Director Kluthe inquired about the Cuming County Economic Development Fee. McWhorter explained the fee is for sending employees to a variety of trainings that were offered by Northeast Community College. Examples of the meetings included Time Management, Effective Customer Service and Delivering Constructive Feedback.

Director Strehle had a customer call and let him know that he was proud of lineman Willy Anderson. Willy spoke at the Veterans Day Program and the customer was impressed with the speech Willy presented.

Meeting Updates

NREA Annual Meeting

Directors Mostek, Strehle and Kluthe attended the meeting. Along with employees Chet McWhorter and Kinzey Doggett. Discussion was held on how this year's meeting was the best NREA has put held. Speakers everyone were impressed with, Bryan Slone, President of Nebraska Chamber of Commerce. Tom Kent, President at NPPD and the Keynote Speaker Charlie Cartwright.

NREC

General Manager McWhorter attended this meeting. Everything is going great, and they have good money. Looking at giving back equal shares of the money to the 10 members.

NEG&T

Director Mostek attended the meeting with General Manager McWhorter. Speaker from SPP attended the meeting. Discussion was held on wind and the reliability of electricity for the coming years. McWhorter stated that the charts shared do not look to promising in the future. Need to continue fighting more for reliability of electricity. There was discussion on the 2023 budget, investing into CFC and the nuclear meeting.

NPPD Meeting

Director Strehle watching the NPPD Board Meeting from home. The 2023 rates were approved, and the transmission was approved. The rates did not increase, however the PCA went down so rates are essentially higher.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

NPPD Joint Sub Transmission Operations and Planning Meeting

During the meeting, discussion was held on the Kearney and Doniphan Control Centers. Update was given on work NPPD has done and is doing on the transmission substations. They approved sub-T plans for Cedar Knox, Southwest and City of Fairbury.

Solar

Solar at the district was above average for November. CCPPD has not received any inquires for new solar in November.

Call Center

CCPPD switched over to NPPD as of December 1st.

Supply Chain

Tisha Wilson continues to work on building relationships and looking for alternate sources of materials.

Budget

Kari Haase and the employees worked hard to give the board a realistic and accurate budget. The Capital Budget is reasonable and complete. The Expense side, a conservative approach was followed to ensure that we will have margin to cover the expense.

Public Comment

None was given

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

FCS and CCED to discuss REDLEG Grant

David Branch from Cuming County Economic Development and Tyler Toline from Franciscan Care Services attend the meeting to discuss utilizing the REDLEG Grant. Franciscan Care Services are looking at a project to replace and upgrade the backup generator at the Hospital in West Point. The REDLEG grant is a revolving loan fund that can be used for economic development projects. To participate financially, Cuming County PPD would contribute a one-time, nonrefundable load fund of \$60,000. USDA will add \$300,000 in the new formed revolving loan fund. The hospital would borrow the money for the project and repay, interest free over the next ten years.

Director Strehle asked who would manage the funds? Looking at the Policy, Cuming County PPD would oversee the funds and the committee that would be needed for the REDLEG Grant. Kari Haase asked why Cuming County PPD is getting asked, when the hospital is a City of West Point customer. David stated they looked at the City of West Point, but the loan would only be available for people in the City of West Point. If Cuming County PPD would contribute the \$60,000, it would give a wider footprint for customers to apply for the loan.

A motion was made to table the discussion until the next meeting. General Manager McWhorter will send a questionnaire to a couple managers in other districts who have the grant. In the meantime, the board will get more information on the grant and will discuss it at the next meeting.

David Branch and Tyler Toline left the meeting at 10:04 am.

2023 Capital & Expense Budget

Kari Haase presented the board members with the Capital and Expense Budget for 2023. The board approved the 2023 budget.

Policy 205

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Policy 504

Policy was presented with changes and discussed.

Policy 105

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Policy 220A

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Policy 330

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

NRECA Governance Talk Video was watched and discussed.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday January 12th, 2023 at 9:00 am.

During lunch Director Strehle will discuss the NRECA board report.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Write-Off of Uncollectible

NRECA Annual Meeting in March

Swearing in, Pictures, Suit, and Ties

The motion was made at 12:02 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by Director Weiler and seconded by Director Kaup.

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