

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting December 13, 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 13th day of December 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Petersen, Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Arduser and staff members Doggett, Haase, 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 the meeting was being 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 - November (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.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Arduser **to accept the Expense and Capital Budget for 2025, as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (3) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept Policy 511 - Net Metering up to 25kw, with changes as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (4) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Kluthe **to table the motion on Voting Delegates.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (5) A motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Petersen **to enter into Executive Session at 11:08 a.m. for a discussion on the NEG&T.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

President repeated the board will go into executive session to discuss NEG&T Contract issues of a confidential nature.

The board came out of executive session at 11:32 am.

Directors' Expense and Reports

Director expenses were presented.

Director Kluthe asked about item 34680 in the Treasurer's report. Asked if we pay for the NREA Magazine every month? CFO Kari Haase stated that it is a monthly expense. There is the possibility it could go up in the next couple of months, along with postage.

Director Mostek noticed that usage at the Charging Station has increased. Glad to see it getting used more and more. Mostek also wanted to commend General Manager McWhorter and CFO Kari Haase. While at the NREA Annual Meeting, General Manager Mark Johnson from Elkhorn spoke very highly of them and how they have helped him with his questions. The board thanked both Chet and Kari for all the work they do for CCPPD and the Public Power District.

Director Strehle said that he has gotten one call about the irrigation rate change. There was a discussion on the letter that were sent to those customers about the rate change and how they will be impacted.

Meeting Updates

NREA Annual Meeting

Directors Mostek, Petersen and Arduser attended the class on Communication Outside the Board Room.

During the meeting, directors Strehle, Mostek, Petersen, Arduser and Kluthe attended. Along with General Manager McWhorter and Kinzey Doggett. Attendance was up again this year and there were great comments on how the meeting was run. Speakers were great this year and the big announcement was that Rick Nelson will be retiring from Custer PPD and will be full-time as the General Manager for NREA.

NEG&T Meeting

Director Mostek attended the Finance meeting and the general meeting in Columbus. During the meeting discussion was held on the treasurers' report and operations report. Darin Bloomquist gave a review of the 2025 NEG&T Budget.

Director Assignments

Co-Bank

The meeting will be in Omaha March 3rd through March 5th. McWhorter wanted to make the board aware and make a decision on who can attend at the January meeting.

NRECA Power Xchange

The meeting will be held in Atlanta from March 9th through March 12th. Director Strehle will be attending for NRECA. A decision on who will be attending will be decided at the January meeting.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

NPPD

McWhorter attended the meeting via Teams. Discussion was on potential options to be included in any extensions of the contract.

Budget

Kari Haase worked hard to provide a realistic and accurate budget for 2025. She will review the budget later in the meeting but there is a good plan in place.

Public Comment

None was given

Old Business

No old business

New Business

2025 Capital & Expense Budget

Kari Haase presented the board members with the Capital and Expense Budget for 2025. The board approved the 2025 budget.

Discussion during the budget was held on if the district is looking at moving to time of use rates. Kari Haase stated that the district will be moving to MDM for metering and working on billing for demand first. Once in place, the goal is to move to time of use rates.

Policy 511 - Net Metering up to 25 kw

Policy was presented with changes and discussed.

The board watched a NRECA Governance Talk Video on Directors communicating with Employees was watched and discussed.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday January 6th, 2024 at 9:00 am.

During lunch Mostek will discuss the speakers from the NREA Annual Meeting.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Write-Off of Uncollectible

Oath of Office for new directors

Policy 504 - Work for Others

Voting Delegates

The motion was made at 11:35 a.m. to adjourn the meeting by Director Kaup 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