

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting February 10, 2021

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 February 2021 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Mostek, Schneider, Weiler, Petersen, Kluthe and staff members 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.

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 - January (Attached)

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

- (1) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Weiler **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	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Weiler **to approve Director Kluthe's request to name Strehle NREA Director and to name Kluthe NREC Director.**

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 Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup **to approve reducing Bluestem TWACS bill by \$15,000 to cover half of the labor costs.**

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 Petersen **to accept Policy 108 - Physical Examinations 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 Mostek and seconded by Director Weiler **to approve Policy 501-A, Remote Disconnect Procedures 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)

- (6) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Petersen **to approve Policy 511 Net Metering up to 25 kw as revised.**

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 Kaup **to accept 2020 Year End Financials 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).

- (8) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Kluthe **to accept a Community Investment in CCED, Inc. in the amount of \$250.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	No	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (5-1).

- (9) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek **to accept the donation of 2-45ft & 2-35ft poles for lighting as CCPPD sponsorship of the Cuming County Ag Society.**

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).

Questions regarding the Treasurer's report were addressed.

Mostek brought up that he was contracted by numerous customers about the many solar posts that were on Facebook. The companies posting were mainly from Texas and Oklahoma. Nicki did post that they were not ours and that if anyone was considering solar, to please contact the District. CCPPD would help educate the public about solar so customers have all the information necessary to make an informed decision. McWhorter also noted that his newsletter article for March is related to solar.

Various questions regarding the treasurers report were addressed.

Public Comment

None was given.

Directors' Expense and Reports

Director expenses were presented.

Meeting Updates

NREA Quarterly and Legislative Event

McWhorter and Strehle attended the virtual event. James at NREA noted there are 127 bills that they are actively monitoring: net metering, broadband (Governor's priority) and broadband pole attachments. Hearings will be completed by March 8th.

JT&S needs instructors, so that was the bulk of that meeting. They are in the process of updating the safety manual. Haber is a member of the group that is doing the update.

Director Assignments

NRECA Power Xchange/Tech Advantage

The schedule has been sent out and McWhorter will send out reminders of the virtual event. It will be set up in the board room for anyone who wants to attend.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter had no expenses.

NPPD's Plan B seems to have turned into their Plan A. The meeting will be held March 10 (our normal board meeting day). McWhorter would like our meeting changed so that they could attend NPPD's. The board concurred.

There is a planned visit to the Bancroft Substation on Friday to check on the status.

We will have employee training on Presidents day. The office will remain locked and phones will stay with CRC so that all employees can be engaged.

Old Business

NREA and NREC Director Changes

Kluthe resigned his position at NREA so that Strehle could stay on his committee there. Strehle also resigned from the NREC and Kluthe was appointed.

Discussion on Bluestem/TWACS Installs

After discussion with Bluestem, they informed the District that in the past when there have been issues, they have not paid for labor. That was not specifically stated in the agreement, but to move forward and keep the relations good, the District will split the labor costs with Bluestem (\$15,000 is CCPPD's half)

New Business

Policy 108 - Physical Examinations

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Policy 501-A - Remote Disconnect Procedures

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Policy 511 - Net Metering up to 25 kW

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

2020 Year End Financials

Kari Haase presented the 2020-year end financials to the board.

Sweet Home Cuming County Campaign

Since this is economic development, this is something that the District can be a part of. After much discussion, the board voted to contribute \$250.

Cuming County Ag Society Request

The Ag Society's request was for 6 each 45-foot poles and 10 each 35-foot poles. After much discussion, the board voted to donate 2 45-foot poles and 2 35-foot poles.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday March 9, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Motions were read by Haase.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING:

The motion was made at 11:20 am 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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Secretary