

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting February 9, 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 9th day of February 2022 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Mostek, Schneider, Weiler, Petersen, Kluthe and staff members Haase, Doggett, Haber and McWhorter. Guest in attendance Rick Nelson, interim General Manager for NREA and Pat Hecox, NREA President.

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 Mostek **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 Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Policy 108 - Physical Examinations.**

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 Weiler **to approve Policy 501-A, Remote Disconnect Procedures.**

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 approve Policy 511 Net Metering up to 25 kw with changes 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)

- (5) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept 2021 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).

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

Director expenses were presented.

Director Kluthe asked about the charges for BWJ. General Manager McWhorter stated that was the lawyer fee for reviewing and looking at CCPPD charter and districts.

Director Kaup had a customer talk to him about CCPPD charging for the Double Throw switch. Kaup wanted to know when we started charging customers to install a double throw switch. Operations Manager Scott Haber said when a double throw switch is installed, we only charge for material. Haber thinks it changed after a big storm in 2010. Director Kaup asked that at the March board meeting, documentation is brought in showing when CCPPD started charging and how it was handled.

Director Strehle has been traveling to other districts board meeting. During the board meetings it was noted that lunch is brought in, instead of the board members going out for lunch after the meeting. It is then a taxable lunch and director Strehle feels like CCPPD needs to investigate how we handle the lunch after meetings.

### **Public Comment**

None was given

### **Meeting Updates**

#### **NREA Quarterly and Legislative Event**

General Manager McWhorter and directors Strehle, Mostek, Kaup and Weiler attended the event. Numbers were low, due to COVID. Director Strehle also attended a class.

## **Director Assignments**

### **NRECA Power Xchange**

Registration, airline and hotel are all taken care of. Director Strehle, Petersen and General Manager McWhorter will be attending the event.

### **Legislative Conference**

General Manager McWhorter asked the directors if they would want to attend the event that is held May 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup>. Legislature will not be in session, so there will not be many people to talk to attend. Directors decided to wait until the fall to attend the event. Director Strehle will attend the event because of his involvement on the NRECA board.

### **Co-Bank**

General Manager McWhorter and director Mostek will be attending the evening event.

## **Managers Expense & Report**

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

### **Solar**

Solar output for January was the best January yet. The two solar panels are repaired. There are a few solar projects in the que.

### **December Storm/NEMA**

Kari has sent all the required information to FEMA/NEMA. Waiting on Biden and NEMA to see if CCPPD will be reimbursed.

### **Potential Legislation**

There are several Public Power Bills that were discussed last week. McWhorter discussed the bills with the directors. McWhorter will continue to attend the meetings and stay educated on what bills need a voice for Public Power.

Directors watched the video of General Manager Chet McWhorter and the speech he gave at the CEO close up meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **Line School Scholarships**

Operation Manager Scott Haber had a student talk to him about the Line School Scholarship. He will be attending Northeast Community College next fall. His parents are not a customer of Cuming County PPD, but he does have a grandparent who has several accounts with CCPPD. Student is wondering if he would be eligible for the scholarship. In the guidelines it states the students' parents need to be a CCPPD customers. Directors stated that CCPPD must stick to the guidelines. They did ask to update the scholarship to say parent or legal guardian.

## **New Business**

### **NREA Strategic Planning Discussion**

Rick Nelson, Interim General Manager for NREA and Pat Hexcox, NREA President attended the meeting. There are attending Public Power Board Meetings to discuss goals and expectations for the hiring of a new General Manager for NREA. Board and member input is important to the NREA. After the strategic plan is in place, they will start the process of hiring a new General Manager. The board discussed their input and filled out the questioner that was presented.

### **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.

### **2021 Year End Financials**

Kari Haase presented the 2021-year end financials to the board.

**The next regular meeting will be held Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:00 am.**

**Motions were read by Doggett.**

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING:**

Double Throw Switches

2021 Audit

The motion was made at 11:30 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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