

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting February 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 February 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Mostek, Petersen, Kluthe and staff members Doggett, Haber, Haase 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 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	Arduser	Absent

Motion carried (5-0).

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Arduser to **table the motion on recommendations of our auditors and make necessary adjustments to the reserves for uncollectible accounts.**

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 Petersen and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Policy 108 - Physical Examinations, 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 Mostek and seconded by Director Kluthe **to approve the Federated Subscribers Agreement, 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)

- (5) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Arduser **to accept 2023 Year End Financials 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).

Sonya entered the meeting at 9:17 am.

Directors' Expense and Reports

Director expenses were presented.

Discussion was held on the interruption report. Looking at the material failure code, Director Kluthe was curious if that was higher than normal. Operations Manager Scott Haber stated looking at previous years, that is in the normal range.

Director Kluthe noticed the Power Cost Comparison for December was lower. Sales were lower in December because of the favorable weather that we had.

Director Kluthe asked that Scott Haber check out the static on the Cuming County Line going east on Road 17.

Scott Haber gave a report on the Safety Utility Meeting that was hosted by CCPPD and hosted at the Nielsen Center in West Point.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Meeting Updates

NREA Quarterly

Director Stehle and General Manager McWhorter attended the meeting. Policy, resolutions, JT&S and Resap were a couple of the items discussed during the meeting. Strehle and McWhorter had a nice discussion with NPPD board members.

Legislative Event

Director Kaup and Mostek joined McWhorter and Strehle at the evening event in Lincoln. The evening event was well attended and had great speakers.

Director Assignments

NRECA Power Xchange

Director Petersen, Arduser, Strehle and General Manager McWhorter will be attending the event.

Co-Bank

Director Strehle, Kluth, and Mostek will attend the two-day event in Omaha.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

NREA Winter Meeting

The main discussion during the meeting was what is going on with the NE legislature. There are several bills of interest and McWhorter will continue to follow. Other discussions were held on the Electrical Inspectors, employment law, Safety and the lead times for trucks and booms.

NPPD Budget and 2025-2029 Rate Outlook

McWhorter shared the PDF file with the Budget and the rate outlook for NPPD. It was not the budget and outlook most Nebraska Public Power managers are happy about. The outlook was passed, and McWhorter will continue to attend the board meetings to make sure items are handled correctly.

Load Control and Metering

Scott Haber and McWhorter held a discussion on where the meter should be for pivots in Cuming County. When discussing load control with Knox County, they said all their meters are at the road. It is for easy access for the lineman. A couple of meters for Cuming County are at the pivot. Moving the meter to the road would benefit Cuming County and the lineman. The board asked Haber to look at the Line Extension Policy and bring it to the March meeting.

Old Business

Reserves for Uncollectible Accounts

This item was tabled until the March meeting.

NPPD Board Meeting Schedule

NPPD board members decided to switch from 12 meetings in a year to 9 meetings a year. General Manager McWhorter will continue to attend the meetings, but the best one for the board to attend will be the April meeting.

New Business

Policy 108 - Physical Examinations

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Federated Subscribers Agreement

The agreement was discussed and reviewed.

2023 Year End Financials

Kari Haase presented the 2023 Year End Financials to the board.

The board watched a NREA Governance video on Board Meeting Minutes.

Director Strehle will discuss the Legislative event that was held in Lincoln, NE at lunch.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday March 13th, 2024, at 9:00 am.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING:

2023 Audit

The motion was made at 11:45 am 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