

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting January 17, 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 17th day of January 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Arduser, Petersen 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.

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 - December (Attached)

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

- (1) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Arduser **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 Kaup and seconded by Director Kluthe **to accept the 2023 Uncollectible Write-Off's in the amount not to exceed \$1,662.70.**

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 table the motion on Reserves for Uncollectible Accounts.**

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 Arduser **to accept By Laws Article 6 - Indemnification 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 Kluthe **to accept Voting Procedures for the board 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 Petersen and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Policy 118- Driver Qualification 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)

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

Director expenses were presented.

Director Strehle asked Scott Haber to explain what the Utility Safety was that we would be hosting next week. Scott explained the group gets together every couple month to discuss any safety issues they had. It is an open session where questions can be asked about ideas and tips. A different Utility host the meeting each time.

Discussion was held on the outage during the winter storm. Director Mostek said that he called the call center during that time and was impressed with how the call was handled.

During the winter storm the board meeting was moved to a different date. Director Kaup wanted to review that it was handled correctly.

### **Director Meeting Updates**

Directors Kaup, Strehle and Mostek attended the NPPD Board Meeting. It was a well-attended meeting. Discussion was held on coal, reliability, cost, customer service and town hall meetings.

## **Director Assignments**

### **NE State Chamber Meeting**

The meeting will be held in Lincoln February 1<sup>st</sup> in Lincoln. No one will attend the meeting.

### **NREA Winter Meeting**

The meeting will be held in Lincoln February 6<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. Director Kaup and Mostek will attend the evening dinner with their wives. Director Strehle and General Manager McWhorter will attend both days of the meeting.

### **Co-Bank**

The meeting will be held in Omaha February 29<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>. Director Mostek, Kluthe and Strehle plan on attending.

## **Manager's Expense and Reports**

Chet McWhorter expenses were presented.

### **CEO Close-Up**

The meeting was held in Arizona. McWhorter stated it was a meeting that was well attended. Great breakout sessions and discussions were held on: Innovative Rate design, difference between Time Variance and Time of Use, Net Metering and EV's. CFC spoke about low economic growth and how 2024 will have a low employment rate. During the technology meeting the discussion was held on AI.

### **Inventory**

The report was in the board book, and it shows that the district is in the realm from a financial perspective. We will continue to look at the process and get a more accurate inventory throughout the year.

### **NE Legislature**

There are several bills that McWhorter will be keeping an eye on. The main area of interest for public power will be the net metering changes to Charter vs Service areas.

## **Public Comment**

None was given.

## **Old Business**

### **2023 Uncollectible Write-Off's**

The board approved the 2023 Uncollectible Write-Off's not to exceed \$1,662.70.

**New Business**

**By Laws Article 6 - Indemnification**

By Law was discussed and reviewed.

**Voting Procedures for Board**

Voting Procedure was discussed and reviewed.

**Policy 118 - Driver Qualifications**

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

**NRECA Governance Talk Video on Approaching the Director with Diminished Ability was watched and discussed.**

**General Manager McWhorter will discuss his CEO training at lunch.**

**The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday February 14th, 2024, at 9:00 am.**

**Motions were read by Doggett.**

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

2023 Year End Financials

The motion was made at 11:12 am. to adjourn the meeting by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Kluthe.

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