

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting January 15, 2026

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 15th day of January 2026 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Biteghe, Kluthe, Mostek, Arduser, Petersen and staff members Doggett, Haase, Draper 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 - December (Attached)

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

- (1) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Biteghe **to accept the consent agenda items as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Biteghe	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (2) A motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept Policy 503 - Line Extension, as presented.**

A roll call was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Biteghe	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 Biteghe **to accept the 2025 Uncollectible Write-Off's in the amount not to exceed \$1,446.77.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Biteghe	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (4) A motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Petersen to enter into Executive Session at 10:07 am for Strategic Planning.

A roll call was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Biteghe	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

President repeated the board will go into executive session to discuss Strategic Planning.

The board came out of executive session at 10:41 am.

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

Director expenses were presented.

Director Kluthe asked who is responsible for damages when a meter is hit. McWhorter said if no one claims responsibility after speaking with the customer and further investigations, the district covers the cost.

Director Mostek is impressed with the Uncollectible Amount; he thanks the ladies for doing a great job.

Director Biteghe wanted to remind the board of the Ag Appreciation dinner coming up on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Director Meeting Updates**

No meeting updates were given.

### **Director Assignments**

#### **NREA Winter Meeting**

Director Strehle and Mostek will be attending the meeting in the morning with General Manager McWhorter. Directors Arduser and Biteghe will join them later in the evening for the Legislative dinner. Spouses will be attending as well. The meeting will be held in Lincoln on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CoBank in Omaha**

Co-Bank will be March 2<sup>nd</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Omaha. Directors Biteghe, Strehle and Mostek will attend with General Manager McWhorter.

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

Chet McWhorter expenses were presented.

#### **NRECA CEO Close-Up**

McWhorter just returned from the meeting and once again was impressed. Speakers were great and really enjoyed the meeting. He was disappointed in the discussion on AI; was expecting to learn more but not much has changed.

#### **NEG&T**

There will be three members leaving the G&T on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027. The three members leaving will make an impact on the rates that the G&T charges. McWhorter will keep the board informed.

### **Strategic Planning**

Item will be brought to next month's meeting

### **Rates**

CFO Kari Haase and HR/Billing Administrator Sheena Kampschneider are finalizing rates and will present them at an upcoming meeting.

### **Public Comment**

None was given.

### **Old Business**

No old business to report.

### **New Business**

#### **IT Report - Monte Draper**

Items discussed during the IT report with Monte:

1. Updates on upcoming projects
2. Risk and Threats
3. Education - How does the backup work.

#### **Policy 503 - Line Extension**

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

#### **2025 Uncollectible Write-Off's**

The board approved the 2025 Uncollectible Write-Off's not to exceed \$1,446.77.

**The board watched a NRECA Governance Talk Video on Storytelling.**

**The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday February 11th, 2026, at 9:00 am.**

**Motions were read by Doggett.**

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

2025 Year End Financials

Rates

Strategic Planning

The motion was made at 10:45 am. to adjourn the meeting by Director Petersen 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