

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting July 14th, 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 14th day of July 2021 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler, Petersen and staff members Haber, Haase and McWhorter. Guest in attendance Darin Bloomquist from NE G&T.

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 - June (Attached)

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

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

A roll call was as follows:

Weiler	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (2) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek **to adopt the Lineman Program Scholarship as presented.**

A roll call was as follows:

Weiler	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (3) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept Policy 327 - Cellular/Smart Phone Use, as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

Weiler	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (4) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Weiler **to accept Policy 325 - Aging Conductors, as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

Weiler	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (5) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept Policy 329 - Social Media, as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

Weiler	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (6) After discussion a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Weiler **to accept the NRECA Voting Delegate Strehle and McWhorter as an alternate.**

A roll call was as follows:

Weiler	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (7) After discussion a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Kluthe **to move the NRECA health plan effective 9/1/2021**

A roll call was as follows:

Weiler	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (8) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Weiler **to enter into Executive Session at 11:35 am, for the protection of the public interest.**

A roll call was as follows:

Weiler	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Petersen	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

President repeated the board will go into executive session to discuss proprietary issues.

The board came out of executive session at 12:03 p.m.

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

Directors reported their expenses.

Mostek inquired about how we felt moving forward with a different engagement partner with Eide Bailly. Haase and McWhorter noted that Eide Bailly was apologetic for the experience that we had with them for the 2020 audit, and we will move forward with a different engagement partner at Eide Bailly for the 2021 audit.

Questions were addressed on the Treasurers report.

Kaup noted that we need to go look at the transmission poles on 18<sup>th</sup> Road as many are leaning. Haber and McWhorter believe this is on the Sub-T Plan but will verify.

Mostek and McWhorter attended the G&T Meeting. More will be included in Blomquist's report later in the meeting.

Future meetings include NREA in Scottsbluff, NE Advanced Nuke Forum, NRECA Regional Meetings.

### **Public Comment**

None was given

### **Managers Expense & Report**

McWhorter presented his expenses for the month.

The Bancroft substation outage was discussed - it was caused by a bird. The regulator should be back Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July.

McWhorter is studying AEP Power Contracts to help prepare for potential changes in the future.

The Federated board has an opening for a director that Chet would like to apply for. He will find out details on the number of meetings he would attend and other specifics.

The District and our customers are not happy with the CRC call center. Our linemen are not getting the information that they need, and we are not getting the value for it that we anticipated. Chet would like to look at going back to NPPD. We will begin researching how to do that as well as how to get our initial investment of \$10,000 back from CRC.

## **Old Business**

### Lineman Program Scholarship

After last months discussion, the scholarship was reworded to give \$500 after the first year and an additional \$1,500 after completion of the program. This will start in the 2022-2023 school year. If multiple applicants apply, it will be a board decision to offer multiple scholarships.

## **New Business**

**Darin Bloomquist** - Gave his NEG&T Report:

### **NPPD**

The weather event in February generated a \$90 million dollar surplus, even the month of June resulted in an additional \$23 million surplus. The June storm will cut into those surpluses; however, the projection is to end at \$200 million for 2021.

### **PCA**

For 2022 we are looking at \$14 million compared to \$73 million previously. With the large margins projected for 2021, we are asking for some additional in 2022 so that we and our customers do not see large swings in prices.

### **Decommissioning Cost Study**

This non-nuclear decommissioning study continues to be a topic of conversation at NPPD, even though the results of the study seem to be too large of a variance (from 30% less to 50% more).

### **Wholesale Customer Review**

The NE G&T customers make up 34.9% of their load.

2022-2027 rate outlook is very stable for this time period.

SPP review - definitely see an obvious shifting from coal to gas and wind generation.

NPPD conducted a survey of their customers - results were 34% gave a negative response.

### **FERC 2222**

Will not take effect until 2024 but definitely needs to be studied. The District does not have to opt in, but once you do opt in, you do not get out. Stay tuned.

Darin left the meeting at 10:25 am.

## **New Business**

### **Policy 327 - Cellular/Smart Phone**

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

### **Policy 325 - Again Conductors**

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

**Policy 329 - Social Media**

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

**NRECA Voting Delegate**

The board accepted Greg Strehle as the delegate and Chet McWhorter as the alternate.

**Health Insurance Discussion**

Sheena Kampschneider entered the meeting at 11:15 am to discuss health insurance. Blue Cross Blue Shield dropped CCPPD from the flex-plan that we are currently on. Kiann at Kirby Roth insurance looked at alternative plans, but none were competitive with NRECA's plan. NRECA will result in a savings of \$528 per month from 9/1/2021 through 12/31/2022. Kampschneider left the meeting at 11:45 am.

The next regular meeting will be held August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Motions were read by Haase.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

2020 KRTA Statistical Comparison  
GM Performance Appraisal Due at August Meeting

The motion was made at 12:07 pm to adjourn the meeting by director Weiler and seconded by director Mostek.

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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