

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting July 12th, 2023

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 12th day of July 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler, and staff members Haber, Haase, McWhorter and White. Guest present was Hailey Hunzeker.

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 Mostek **to excuse Director Petersen from the meeting.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (2) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek **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	Absent

Motion carried (5-0).

- (3) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Weiler **to accept Policy 309 - Ethics and Conflicts of Interest in Relationship with Vendors, as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (4) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Mostek **to accept Policy 310 - Ethics and Conflicts of Interest in Outside business and related activities, as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (5) After discussion a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Kluthe **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	Absent

Motion carried (5-0).

- (6) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Weiler **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	Absent

Motion carried (5-0).

Directors' Expense and Reports

Directors reported their expenses. Questions about line loss and irrigation rebates were discussed. SCADA was also discussed, with no support from ABB, the 2024 budget will include the cost of a new system for director approval. Director Kaup commented about the bill inserts this last month and how good they looked and were very informative.

Hailey Hunzeker thanked the board for letting her attend the Washington DC trip with NREA. She thought it was very informative and a trip that she may not have ever gotten to take without the District.

Hunzeker and White left the meeting at 9:24.

NE G&T

Mostek and McWhorter attended the finance committee meeting the night before the meeting. Bloomquist received an 8.35% raise - bringing his salary to \$238,000. He has been working very hard on the solar grant program which could lead to big changes for the G&T, along with following the strategic plan and good relations with NPPD.

Bloomquist will be writing a letter of intent to RUS to start the initiative.

Mostek reported on the 2024 PCA and McWhorter noted that the buying group within the G&T is being dissolved since it has been dormant for 3 years.

CFC Forum

Strehle and McWhorter attended the CFC Forum and thought it was very beneficial. Many of the speakers had great messages ranging from AI, a soft landing for inflation, lack of truth in news reporting and trust in our current environment. The Key Trends ratios from CFC are now based on 20 years of history instead of just 5.

Director Assignments

NRECA Regional Meeting September 26th through 28th.

Public Comment

None was given.

Managers Expense & Report

McWhorter presented his expenses for the month.

McWhorter reported on his monthly newsletter report about the facts of the differences in a plug-in hybrid verses a straight hybrid vehicle.

Purpa is currently on hold.

No director has been appointed yet for Subdivision 11.

We will probably begin talks with NPPD on a new contract in 2024.

Incident reports will be typed instead of written starting with next month's board packet.

Old Business

None

New Business

Policy 309 - Ethics and Conflict of Interest in Relationship with Vendors.

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Policy 310 - Ethics and Conflicts of Interest in Outside Business and related activities.

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Policy 327 - Cellular/Smart Phone

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Policy 329 - Social Media

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Strategic Plan Review

McWhorter reviewed the 2015 Strategic Plan with the board.

NRECA Governance Talk Video

The next regular meeting will be held August 7th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Motions were read by Haase.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

2023 KRTA Statistical Comparison?
GM Performance Appraisal Due at August Meeting
Darin Bloomquist and Dan Payton

Report during lunch - AI

The motion was made at 11:45 am to adjourn the meeting by director Weiler and seconded by director Kaup.

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