

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting June 16, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cuming County Public Power District was held at the meeting room in District Office, 500 South Main Street, West Point, Nebraska on the 16th day of June 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler, Petersen 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 - May (Attached)

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

- (1) After discussion a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Weiler **to enter into Executive Session at 9:06 am for the protection of the public interest to discuss board meeting minutes from the previous meeting.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

President repeated the board will go into executive session.

The board came out of executive session at 9:15 am.

- (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:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (3) After discussion a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Mostek **to accept Policy 501-A-Disconnect Capable Meters, as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (4) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Weiler **to accept Resolution 2023-04 PURPA, as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (5) After discussion a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept Resolution 2023-05 F&M Bank, as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (6) After discussion a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Mostek **to approve Chet McWhorter as the NRECA Voting Delegate and Greg Strehle as the alternate.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (7) After discussion a motion was made by Director Weiler and seconded by Director Kluthe **to enter into Executive Session at 10:58 am for confidential propriety needs.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

President repeated the board will go into executive session.

The board came out of executive session at 11:24 am.

Directors' Expense and Reports

Director expenses were reported.

During discussion of the treasurer's report, Director Kluthe inquired about the poison ivy cream and the gates on the Substations. Operations Manager Scott Haber said that poison ivy has already been bad this year and a couple of the guys get it more than others. The gates were added as an extra safety feature, after the incident that happened a couple years ago. Director Kluthe also let Scott Haber know that there is static along Hwy 32 1 mile west of the curve.

General Manager McWhorter informed the board that the incident reports are now in electronic form. The lineman will be able to fill them out on their I-pads or computer.

Director Mostek noticed the wind tower was not turning and was curious if there was maintenance going on. General Manager McWhorter stated that the wind really has not been blowing and Kaup noted that if it is below 5 mph then the turbines will not turn.

Director Assignment

Nebraska Advanced Nuclear Forum

Directors Strehle, Mostek and Petersen attended the meeting with General Manager McWhorter. The forum was held in Lincoln and attendance was strong again. The head of the NRC and head of the NEI gave the best information on the nuclear outlook. The biggest issue for advancement of nuclear is money and the practical, such as how long it takes to build a nuclear plant.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet reported his expenses.

The new key Fobs are here for the employees. The doors will remain unlocked until we can inform our customer of the changes at the Cuming County PPD office.

Chet passed around the new paper that will be used in the NREA Magazine.

Chet informed the board that the title for the electric car is now in the office, and he will be looking at trading the vehicle.

NPPD

A new director for Subdivision 11 has not been appointed as of now. There is no word from the Governor's office.

The May financial perspective is looking good and so is the PCA for 2024 and 2025. NPPD is working on their 5-year rate outlook. As of right now, there looks to be no rate increase for 2024. Beyond 2024, there is some uncertainty. NPPD is working on installing more megawatts of generation and those costs have led them to be cautious on the future rate outlook.

NREA Managers Summer Meeting

The meeting was held in McCook. Along with other topics, the main discussion was around two programs that RUS is facilitating, one will be available for PPDs and the other is only for electric cooperatives. These programs are designed to

make renewable energy projects more affordable for public power.

CCPPD Charter

As discussed last month, there are 15 older PPD's that were chartered in the late 1930's missing a sentence regarding bonds. Last week, CCPPD learned that we can wait to update that charter until we want to bond or until there are changes to our territory. BWJ explained it will not be a large amount of work to change and low in cost.

Supply Chain

Still long lead times on many items, but Tisha has done a great job getting the materials needed. It looks like it could continue into 2024, so there will be a higher than normal inventory.

PURPA

There is an option to waive the PURPA project. The board will review the Resolution that will enable Chet McWhorter the ability to waive the projects to NPPD which would allow customers that are limited due to our contract to participate. If the Resolution is approved, discussion will continue on the project.

LR 248

Board review Legislative Resolution 248 that was included in the board packet. McWhorter does not think a hearing will be held but it was worth the board to review.

Public Comment

None was given.

Old Business

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

Policy 501-A - Remote Disconnect Meters

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Resolution 2023-04 PURPA

Resolution was discussed and reviewed.

Resolution 2023-05 F&M Bank

Resolution was discussed and reviewed.

NRECA Voting Delegate

Board approved Chet McWhorter as the voting delegate and Greg Strehle as the alternate.

CFC video on Virtual Power Plants was reviewed by the board.

Motions were read by Doggett.

General Manager McWhorter will have a report at lunch on AI.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

General Manager Evaluations brought to the July meeting.

Next board meeting will be held Wednesday, July 12th at 9:00 am.

The motion was made at 11:27 am 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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Secretary