

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting March 9, 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 9th day of March 2020 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler, Schneider, 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 - February (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.**

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).

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept Policy 306A - CDL Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse 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).

- (3) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept Policy 116 - Right to Know 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).

- (4) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Policy 323A - Cyber Security 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 Mostek mentioned that the last month's NREA magazine was great. CCPPD section looked great and appreciates how they used the Donuts to explain the financials.

Director Kluthe inquired about three items on the Treasures report. Annual benefits for insurance and two promotional items that Nicki uses. He mentioned to Scott Haber that there is still static on Hwy 17 near the county line.

The board reviewed Scott Haber's recommendation for a new truck. The board was good with the truck that was decided on by the truck committee. They can purchase the vehicle.

Director Mostek had a customer ask if there would be ribbon cutting for the wind turbine. McWhorter will talk to Bluestem and see if we can find a time that would work but still follow the COVID guidelines.

Director Kaup asked that CCPPD look at ordering material in enough advance. He is worried lead times will be delayed with all the new stimulus money coming out. McWhorter told Kaup the Tisha Wilson has ordered many parts for future products because of the lead times. CCPPD will keep that in mind when looking at future projects.

Meeting Updates

NRECA Annual Meeting

General Manager Chet McWhorter, board members Leroy Mostek and Greg Strehle, along with CCPPD staff listen to George W Bush speak. He did well and everyone enjoyed his talk.

Manager McWhorter and director Strehle attended the other various meeting throughout the week. Meetings and discussions were held on Batteries, presented by Bluestem. Policies and resolutions, Keystone Pipeline, Economics in NRECA and the rolling blackouts that occurred in February.

Director Assignments

Director Strehle and Mostek will go to the NPPD Plan B in York on March 10th. Director Mostek will attend the Nebraska G&T meeting on March 31st in Columbus.

McWhorter told the board they could attend the NPPD Customer and RRC meeting in Columbus on March 18th.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter had no expenses.

2022 85th Anniversary Celebration

Next year will be the 85th Anniversary at CCPPD. McWhorter asked the board if they would like to have a celebration. The board decided to think about it and will have an answer at the April Board Meeting.

Collection Calls

McWhorter was informing the board that in April we will be moving out collections calls to CRC. In March Sheena and Kinzey will be making the collection calls and informing customers of the new system. Nicki will also be putting information on the new collection process on social media. There will also be an insert in next month's bill. Director Weiler asked at what time the calls will be going out. He was worried that if the calls go out in the morning, customers will not be home. McWhorter was thinking the calls would go out during the evening time. They will look more into when the calls will be generated.

Legislature

McWhorter and Strehle listening to a hearing on the rolling blackouts that occurred in February. Mark Kirby presented testimony for rural electrics. Members on the call included SPP Manager, NPPD, OPPD managers and many senators. Discussion was mostly on the timeline of the blackouts. The senators wanted to hear from the top how we can improve the system if it is to fail again. Discussions were also held on Net metering and broadband.

NPPD

McWhorter had a phone call with NPPD and wanted them to know that we need to be more informed with how the situation was going. A list was created by NPPD during the rolling blackouts but was not followed. McWhorter would like NPPD and SPP to take more responsibility on the situation and have a plan in place if this situation would happen again.

NPPD also has a surplus of 94.7 million from February, 92.9 million of that was from production. There is a possibility of another PCA for the district for 2023.

Solar

Solar was not great in February, but it was a cold, gloomy month. March is already looking up from February. CCPPD has 4 solar projects in the que and several other customers that have contacted CCPPD about installations.

Bancroft Sub

The sub is very close to completions. This week the crew has been working on Sub T and taps.

COVID

80% of the employees at CCPPD have gotten their first vaccine. McWhorter is hopefully that vaccinations will allow a return to normalcy.

Public Comment

None was given.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Net Metering and Renewable Resource

Kari Haase and Chet McWhorter presented the report to the board.

Policy 306A - CDL Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Policy 116 - Right to Know

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

Policy 323A - Cyber Security

Policy was discussed and reviewed.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday April 14th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

85th Anniversary Celebration

Bluestem Discussion

The motion was made at 11:27 a.m. to adjourn the meeting by Director Weiler 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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