

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting March 11, 2022

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 11th day of March 2022 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler, Petersen, and staff members Doggett, 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 - February (Attached)

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

- (1) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Weiler and seconded by Director Petersen **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 Mostek **to accept 2021 Audit, by Eide Bailly.**

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 Petersen and seconded by Director Kaup **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).

- (4) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe 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).

- (5) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Petersen **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 asked to discuss the outage report and Breaker 380 in General Managers report. A new style breaker was installed at this location a few weeks ago. The new breaker was found to have a design flaw and has been removed from the service. The breaker was returned to ABB to research the issue. Customer called in and was not happy with the outages that have occurred for the past few months. A report was run and showed that there have been 18 outages on this section of line since 2018. 10 of the outages were unavoidable and 8 could have been avoided. Management will be working with JEO on the 3-year work plan and this section of line will be included as well.

The customer was also not happy with the CRC call center. General Manager McWhorter has reached back out to NPPD and is working on what it would take to switch back to the local call center. This is not the first issue with the call center and has been brought to the attention of the staff by other customers as well.

Looking at the treasures report, director Kluthe inquired about the fraud charges, the call locate price and the charge at rattlesnake tower.

In Operation report, questions were asked about the work on the tornado damage. All work was completed at the time of the meeting. A disaster was approved for the December tornado damage. After the report was written, Kari Haase and Scott Case attended a NEMA meeting, and it was stated that Dodge County did not qualify.

Director Strehle brought to the board attention the new pickup and Chassis the lineman would like to purchase. Discussion was held on gas versus a diesel pickup. The board approved of the the choice of the pickup and chassis that was shown in Scott Haber's report.

Meeting Updates

NRECA Annual Meeting

General Manager Chet McWhorter and directors Strehle and Petersen attended the meeting. Overall was a great meeting, the keynote speaker held a great discussion on coal and baseload. Other items discussed during the meeting were broadband, drones and electric cars.

Director Assignments

NEG&T Meeting

Meeting will be held March 30th in Columbus. Director Mostek will attend with General Manager Chet McWhorter

NREA Strategic Planning

Director Greg Strehle will be attending the meeting March 22-24th in Kearney.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

Solar

February was above average again for CCPPD. There is still small interest in solar with our customers, could pick back up again in the spring.

Legislation

McWhorter will be staying on top of the legislation as a bill is looking to pass with some disturbing terminology. The Natural Resources committee went into executive session for the two water/canal bill LB1015 and LB1023. Senator, who chairs the Natural Resources Committee, also included LB1045, 1047 and 1058. NREA is neutral on 1047 but opposed 1058. 1058 would interfere with the ability of a public power district board of directors to make the decisions needed. The statute also states that we are required to provide service 100% of the time, which could be problematic. McWhorter will stay on top of these bills and keep the board informed of the progress.

Taxable Meals for the Board

Director Strehle has visited several PPDs in his role on the NREA Executive Committee and had been told that meals bought for the board after a board meeting may be considered as a taxable benefit. After several questions to other districts, McWhorter has been unable to find a definitive answer. The board directed McWhorter to see a legal opinion on the matter and report back next meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment was given.

Old Business

Line Extension/Double Throw Switches

Documentation was provided to the board when it was approved to charge customer who wanted to install a double throw switch. Next month the board agreed to have Chet write up a procedure to go with Policy 503 and back up what is needed when a customer would like to install a double throw.

New Business

Derrick Larson joined the meeting at 10:00 am via teams.

2021 Audit Report

Derrick Larson gave the 2021 audit report via teams. The board approved the 2021 audit.

Discussion was held on the capital credit and post retirement benefit. The board agreed with the findings in Kari's report on the handling of the capital credit and post retirement benefits for the future audits.

Derrick Larson left the meeting at 10:30 am.

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 13th, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Policy 503

Net Metering and Renewable Resource

The motion was made at 11:22 a.m. 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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