

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting May 9, 2019

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 May 2019 commencing at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Schneider, Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler and staff members Doggett, Haber, Haase and McWhorter. Guest in attendance AJ Kush. Public in attendance JR Breitkrutz.

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 - April (Attached)

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

- (1) 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:

Schneider	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Absent

Motion carried (5-0).

- (2) After discussion a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Schneider **to accept the 2019 CRC Voting Delegate Chet McWhorter and Leroy Mostek as an alternative.**

A roll call was as follows:

Schneider	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (3) After discussion a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept the First Quarter Financials and Operating Report.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Schneider	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (4) After discussion a motion was made by Director Schneider and seconded by Director Mostek **to accept Policy 315-Safety and Occupational Health, as reviewed.**

A roll call was as follows:

Schneider	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

**Director Dennis Weiler entered the meeting at 6:06 pm.**

## **Public Comment**

Jr Breitzkreutz was here to discuss how he is unhappy with the board's decision with approving the wind turbine. He states that he has talked to customers who think that with the wind turbine their bill will be cut 10%. He believes that once the contract period is up, CCPPD will add more wind turbines. The final concern he has is that the tax credit will only be good for one year. JR asked that a better article be written to explain the benefits of having the wind turbine in Cuming County.

The board appreciates JR's concerns. General Manage McWhorter will address that customers' bills will not decrease 10%. The tax credit will be good as long as the turbine is in commission.

## **Directors' Expense and Reports**

Director expenses were presented.

Director Mostek asked why the Village of Dodge has such a large payment from CCPPD. Kari Haase reminded the board that Dodge is all electric and March was a cold month.

## **NREA Quarterly Board and Committee Meetings**

General Manage McWhorter and director Strehle attended the meeting. Topics discussed during the meeting:

1. Public Power Month
2. Tax Credit on Electric Cars
3. Drone regulations
4. DOT Records - Clearinghouse
5. Northeast Community College
6. Lineman Appreciation Day
7. Legislative

## **Managers Expense & Report**

Chet reported his expenses.

## **NPPD Clean Energy Board Policy**

Discussion will be held on the wording in the document. Concerns are related to the price and reliability from customer prospective.

## **NRECA Legislative Rally**

General Manager McWhorter attended the Rally with directors Strehle and Schneider. Six main topics were discussed with legislators: Broadband, Retirement and Security Plans, Tax Exempt, Municipal Bonds, FERC and Power Marketing Administrations. All three agreed it is good to attend and the staff know the CCPPD faces.

### **NREA Metering Taskforce**

The taskforce will be meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> in Lexington.

### **Solar**

Producing very well for the month of April.

### **Old Business**

#### **Lincoln Premium Poultry Project Update**

Bids will be open on May 13<sup>th</sup> for contractors to construct the line. Would like to start building the line in July.

#### **BlueStem Project**

There will be a zoning meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. General Manager McWhorter will be in attendance. The project will be determined on county approval.

### **New Business**

#### **Renewable Solar: AJ Kush**

Gave a presentation on his company Renewable Solar. Wants the board to start a conversation on balancing renewable resources and net metering billing.

#### **2019 CRC Voting Delegate**

The board appointed General Manager McWhorter the 2019 CRC Voting Delegate, with director Leroy Mostek as the alternative.

**AJ Kush and JR Breitreutz left the meeting at 7:20 pm.**

#### **First Quarter Financials**

Kari Haase discussed the First Quarter Financials for 2019. Board approved the First Quarter Financials.

#### **Policy 315 - Safety & Occupational Health**

Policy was discussed and reviewed

The next regular meeting will be held June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

The motion was made at 8:07 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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Secretary