

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting November 9, 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 9th day of November 2022 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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

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

- (1) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Weiler **to accept Excused Absence for Danny Kluthe.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek 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	Absent	Weiler	Yes

Motion carried (5-0).

- (3) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Weiler **to approve the 3rd quarter financials as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (4) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Mostek **to accept the 2023 Budget Narratives.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (5) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Weiler **to accept Policy 409 - Board Per Diem and Expense, with changes as presented.**
After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (6) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Weiler and seconded by Director Mostek **to approve Policy 220B - Professional Image/Business Wear, with changes as presented.**
After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (7) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Kaup **to approve Policy 512 - Security Lighting, with changes as presented.**
After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (8) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Kaup **to not enter into a sponsorship agreement with the Cuming County Fair Foundation for building maintenance and upgrades at the Cuming County Fairgrounds.**
After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (9) A motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Weiler **to enter into Executive Session at 11:11 a.m. for the protection of the public interest.**

A roll call was as follows

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

Motion carried (5-0).

President repeated the board will go into executive session to discuss proprietary issues.

The board came out of executive session at 11:22 am.

Directors' Expense and Reports

Director expenses were presented.

Director Mostek asked if there was any update to the wind tower. McWhorter talked to Bluestem last week and they are working on getting the blades for the wind tower. Director Kaup was curious if CCPPD would be losing money on the tower not working. McWhorter stated at the end of it all, it will be a wash.

Director Strehle asked that the expense sheet for travel be printed. Strehle and Mostek will take the travel expense sheet with them to Kearney and see how it will work.

Director Assignments

NEG&T Board Meeting

General Manager Chet McWhorter and director Leroy Mostek will be attending meeting.

NREA Annual Meeting

Director Strehle and Mostek will head down Monday for director classes. General Manager Chet McWhorter and staff member Kinzey Doggett will head to the meeting on Tuesday. Director Kluthe will head to the meeting on Thursday. The meeting will be held in Kearney.

NPPD Board Meeting - December 8th

Director Kaup and Mostek will attend the meeting with General Manager McWhorter. McWhorter will talk to director Kluthe and see if he would like to attend.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses

Employee Appreciation Dinner

The dinner will be held Friday January 27th at the Philadelphia Room.

Rates

In last month board meeting Director questioned the kWh estimates on the LED security lights and some of the discount rates. The discounted rates, McWhorter did some research, and the discount rates only bring the discounted account into line with the general rural service rate. There's about a \$1 difference in the monthly bill between discounted village account and rural accounts. With the LED lights, McWhorter got great information from NPPD on lights. In Policy 512, the changes outline a more accurate estimation for the lights.

NPPD Customer Meeting

Meeting was held in York October 20th. 2023 budget was presented, and it looks like what was presented in 2022. Discussion was also held on demand response rate, NPPD's perspective on SIP and the 2022 summer billable demand.

NREA Magazine

A copy of the most recent invoice for the magazine was in the board packet. There are some copies of alternative magazines that other districts use. The board discussed maybe even going to a paper change. The glossy paper that is used, it a huge cost. The board will see what NREA does moving forward as well.

Solar

October is still above average for the month. The number of solar projects and inquires has slowed down in the recent months.

Call Center

The phone issues have been resolved and now we are waiting on NPPD to flip the switch. McWhorter stated he will stay in contact with NPPD.

Work Plan

Meeting was held with JEO on October 24th and the draft plan is getting closer to done. JEO plans on attending the meeting in December.

Supply Chain

Cuming County PPD will continue to see long lead times on many critical items. Transformers and conductors are the worst so far. Tisha has been working with NPPD and will continue to look for opportunities to keep up with the inventory that is needed.

Public Comment

None was given

Old Business

No old business to report

New Business

3rd Quarter Financial & Operational Review

Chet McWhorter presented the 3rd quarter financials. Discussion was held and the board approved the 3rd quarter financials.

2023 Budget Narratives

The budget narratives were presented to the board and discussion was held. The board approved the 2023 budget narratives.

Policy 409 – Board Per Diem & Expense

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

Policy 220B – Professional Image/Business Wear

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

Policy 512 – Security Lighting

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

Cuming County Fair Foundations Sponsorship

The fair foundation spoke with General Manager McWhorter to see if CCPPD would be interested in sponsoring a building at the fairgrounds. Donation of \$1,500 would be donated every year for 5 years. Discussion was held and the board decided that they would not donate this year.

NRECA Governance Talk Video – Board culture

During lunch director Mostek will discuss the NPPD election results.

The next regular meeting will be held December 14th, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

- 2023 Budget
- JEO Work Plan
- Policy 504 - Work for Others

The motion was made at 11:29 a.m. 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