

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting November 9, 2023

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 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Petersen, Kaup, Mostek, Arduser 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 Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek **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	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Petersen **to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financials as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (3) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Arduser **to accept the 2024 Budget Narratives.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (4) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Petersen to table **Policy 409 - Board Per Diem and Expense till next meeting, with changes to the verbiage.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (5) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Petersen **to approve By-Laws Article 1 - Board Of Directors, as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (6) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Arduser **to approve By-Laws Article 2 - Officers, as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

### **Directors' Expense and Reports**

Director expenses were presented.

During discussion of the treasurer report, director Kluthe inquired about the Youth Tour to DC. Asked when we started sending kids? McWhorter stated that we have been sending kids for a couple of years now. They have to attend the NREA Energy camp and then write a letter stating why Public Power is important to them, if they would like to attend DC.

Director Strehle asked for clarification as to why line 25 was higher than normal on the Income statement. It was explained that proceeds from the sale of the Chevy Bolt had some overage from that.

### **Director Assignments**

#### **NEG&T**

Director Mostek will attend the meeting with General Manager McWhorter.

#### **NREA Annual Meeting**

Director Mostek and Arduser will go down early Tuesday morning to attend a director's class. Director Strehle and General Manager McWhorter will head down Tuesday afternoon. Director Kaup and Kluthe will head down on Wednesday. The meeting is being held in Kearney.

## **NPPD Board Meeting – December 14<sup>th</sup>**

McWhorter will not be able to attend the meeting. Directors Strehle, Mostek and Kaup will attend the meeting. The board was reminded that they can watch the NPPD Board meeting online at nppd.com.

## **Managers Expense & Report**

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

## **NPPD RRC/PRAB**

The meeting was held in York. Review of NPPD's 2024 proposed budget was presented. Budget looks similar to 2023 and they have budgeted positive margins, that would lead to another year of positive PCA refunds. Discussion was also held on economic development projects, some rates, NDEE/EPA solar for all programs to roll out in 2024 and an update on Zone 5.

## **Cost of Service**

There are two proposals from two consultants to provide CCPPD with a study. At the December Board meeting, an overview of the proposals will be provided along with a management recommendation as to who will be providing the study.

## **NPPD Forum**

The meeting was held at the Nielsen Center in West Point. McWhorter and Haase attended the meeting along with board members from Burt County PPD and others. Great discussion was held.

## **Public Comment**

None was given.

## **Old Business**

No old business to report.

## **New Business**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial & Operational Review**

Chet McWhorter presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financials. Discussion was held and the board approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financials.

### **2024 Budget Narratives**

The budget narratives were presented to the board and discussion was held. The board approved the 2024 budget narratives.

### **Policy 409 – Board Per Diem & Expense**

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

**By-Laws - Article 1 - Board of Directors**

By-Law was presented, discussed and approved.

**By-Laws - Article 2 - Officers**

By-Law was presented, discussed and approved.

**NRECA Governance Talk Video - Board Risk Management**

The next regular meeting will be held December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Director Arduser will discuss being a new director at lunch.

Motions were read by Doggett.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

- 2024 Budget
- Policy 504 - Work for Others

The motion was made at 11:45 a.m. to adjourn the meeting by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Arduser.

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