

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting October 14, 2020

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 14th day of October, 2020 commencing at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Petersen, Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek and staff members Doggett, Haber, 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 - September (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:

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Policy 412- General Fund Level and Investment of Cash Reserves, as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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| 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 Weiler **to accept Policy 307 - Sexual Harassment, as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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| 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 Weiler **to accept Policy 318 Anti-Harassment, as presented.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

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| 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 Kluthe asked about the Schmader construction bill in the treasures report. McWhorter explained it was a work order for a construction and retirement of line 3 miles southeast of West Point. Kluthe let Scott Haber know that he has static going down his lane.

Director Kaup asked about how the tree removal was going in Beemer. Scott Haber stated it is going well and there are not many trees left to pull out. Discussion was held again how why there was such a big difference in the estimate between the county engineer and CCPPD's engineer.

Discussion was held on who would feed the new Prinz addition. The City of West Point will feed the addition. Until the City of West Point can build a line to feed those customers, they will use Cuming County's line. CCPPD will be charging the City of West Point the avoided cost for serving customers.

### **NRECA Regional Meeting**

The meeting was an online event. Director Strehle watched from home and parts in the office. Director Mostek and Petersen came to the office and watched the meeting with General Manager McWhorter. Strehle stated that not much had changed during the resolution meeting. Not much for content and everything was pushed through. Otherwise, the meeting was fine. Collin Powell spoke very highly of Public Power.

### **NEG&T**

Director Mostek attended the meeting. Discussion was held on the budget. Revenue is higher than normal, but not a surprise with COVID, and no travel. Everything is going well.

**Dennis entered the meeting at 4:18 pm.**

## **Directors Assignments**

### **NREA Annual Meeting**

Meeting will still be held in Kearney but with COVID will be very different. General Manager McWhorter asked that the board members let Kinzey Doggett know within a week or two if they will be going. There is a limited number of tickets.

## **Managers Expense & Report**

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

### **NREA Legal Seminar and Manager's Group Meeting**

The seminar covered a variety of topics that are appropriate for what we are dealing with currently. Additionally, some discussion was held regarding allegations leveled against some NEG&T Directors regarding elections.

### **Solar**

The website for the solar system is currently down. Chet does not have access to the information for the board meeting. Metering is all in order, just missing some data.

### **Bancroft Sub**

Had the pre-construction meeting and dirt work should be started in a couple of weeks. Still looking at a January 2021 completion timeframe.

### **Bluestem**

TWACS are all installed and operating. The issues have been resolved and Bluestem will be billed soon.

### **Public Comment**

None was given.

### **Old Business**

#### **VCAP Discussion**

Kari Haase presented the board with a slide showing what the investment returns have been for NRECA historically. Director Kaup is not the biggest fan of the investment. He feels the interest rate will get higher after the election. The board would like to wait until the next board meeting and see if Shannon Patrick could come to the meeting. Kari will get into contact with Shannon.

### **New Business**

**NREA Grassroots video was presented, explaining how a bill is presented and passed.**

#### **Policy 307 - Sexual Harassment**

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

#### **Policy 318 - Anti Harassment**

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

#### **Policy 412 - General Fund Level**

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

**Trees in the parking lot of Cuming County PPD.**

General Manager asked the board members if they were ok with tearing out the trees in the lot where the trucks pull in. It has turned into a safety issue and would like to change it to all cement. The board said that was fine and it will be put into the 2021 budget.

**The next regular meeting will be held Thursday November 12th, 2020 at 9:00 am.**

**Motions were read by Doggett.**

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

Third Quarter Report

Budget Narratives

The motion was made at 5:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by Director Weiler and seconded by 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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