

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting October 13, 2021

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 13th day of October, 2021 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Petersen, Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Weiler and staff members Doggett, Haber, Haase and McWhorter. Public present Randy Bargmann.

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:

Mostek	Yes	Petersen	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 Weiler **to accept Rate Adjustments as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Mostek	Yes	Petersen	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 Weiler to **accept Policy 412- General Fund Level and Investment of Cash Reserves, 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).

- (4) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup to **accept Policy 307 - Sexual Harassment, 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).

- (5) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Weiler **to accept Policy 318 Anti-Harassment, 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).

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

Director expenses were presented.

Danny Kluthe was curious if Cuming County PPD was ready for the increase in natural gas prices. The cost will increase to heat the buildings. Management is aware and looks at the bills during budget time.

Director Mostek saw that there are two kids interested in attending the Youth Tour in Washington. Normally CCppD will only send one kid who attended the Nebraska youth camp during the summer. Since no one was sent last year, the board agreed to send both if they get the requirements done.

Director Kaup asked about when CCppD was looking at getting a new truck. Lead times are so far out, he is wondering if we should skip a year? Scott Haber stated that there is not a need for a new truck this year but there is for 2023. With the lead times so far out, it will need to be ordered in 2022. They will do checking before a truck is ordered.

### **NRECA Regional Meeting**

Directors Petersen, Mostek and Kluthe headed down a day early to attend classes. Director Strehle and General Manager McWhorter joined the following day. All around it was great meetings, main discussion was held on Cyber Security and the economy. Tony Anderson spoke about Zero contacts. Strehle stated that all the resolutions passed with no controversy.

### **NEG&T**

Director Mostek and General Manager McWhorter attended the NEG&T meetings. Discussion was held on NPPD PCA rates and the blackouts during the winter months. Senator Bruce spoke and would like Nebraska to look at getting out of the SPP following the February blackouts.

## **Directors Assignments**

### **NREA Annual Meeting**

Meeting is held in Kearney December 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>. Directors Strehle, Mostek, Petersen and Kluthe will be attending the meeting.

## **Managers Expense & Report**

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

### **Solar**

Solar is working great for CCPPD, still do not have two panels working. The installer is aware and will get to our repairs. There are a few solar projects in the que and several others have contacted CCPPD about installation of solar.

### **NPPD PCA and Rates**

NPPD is looking at a much smaller PCA for 2022, which puts CCPPD in a position to raise rates. NPPD is splitting the 2021 excess over 2022 and 2023 to dampen the increase.

### **FERC 2222**

McWhorter will be attending Webinar in mid-October to understand more about this rule and make sure to do what is best for the customer.

## **Public Comment**

Randy Bargmann spoke to the board about his concerns with the new Bancroft Substation. Randy stated the noise is constant, he can never open his windows because he will always hear the humming. His cellphone no longer works in his garage. The trees that were promised are still not planted yet. The new substation devalues his property, and he would like to be compensated \$25,000.

Director Strehle asked General Manager McWhorter, where would the money come from to pay Randy, and would it affect the customers of CCPPD? McWhorter said that he wants to use money that was budgeted for construction of the substation, but would have to talk to the auditor to make sure this money could be used. It will affect all the customers as well.

Director Kaup asked Randy if his taxes will be lower with the new substation and if Randy is willing to barter down from \$25,000. Randy stated his taxes will not be lower because he is remodeling his house and the price is what he feels is appropriate for the devaluation of house.

The board told Randy that everything they have done for the Bancroft substation is legal and that CCPPD has gone above and beyond for Randy.

Randy left the meeting at 10:02 am

### **Old Business**

#### **Bancroft Sub**

After discussion the board agreed to offer to compensate Randy \$15,000. General Manager McWhorter will talk to CCPPD attorney Dave Jarecke. McWhorter will write up an agreement with the new amount and what was promised with the new substation.

### **New Business**

#### **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.

**Kari Haase presented the new rates changes to the board.**

#### **Rate Adjustment**

Policies below were passed and will go into effect as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

- Policy 510
- Policy 540
- Policy 513
- Policy 530
- Policy 550
- Policy 546
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**The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday November 10th, 2021 at 9:00 am.**

**Motions were read by Doggett.**

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

Third Quarter Report

Budget Narratives

The motion was made at 11:00 am 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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