

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting October 9, 2024

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 October 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Petersen, Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Arduser and staff members Doggett, Haase and McWhorter. Guest in attendance Tina Pinkelmann-Biteghe Bi Ndong and Dan Kasbohm from UFS.

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. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Mostek and seconded by Director Kluthe **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	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Petersen to **accept the Cost-of-Service Study, 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 Kluthe and seconded by Director Arduser 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	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

- (4) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Arduser **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	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

Directors' Expense and Reports

Director expenses were presented.

Discussion on the lineman down in Georgia helping with the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

Director Kluthe inquired about the cost to bore wire under Highway 32. He was curious how often we bore wire then put up overhead wire. McWhorter stated that we don't mind boring the wire as it makes less hazards on the highway, for example if a house would need to be moved.

NRECA Regional Meeting

Directors Arduser and Petersen attended the meeting with General Manager McWhorter. Director Strehle attended the meeting as a NRECA board member. The attendance did seem lower than compared to recent years. Resolution meeting went seamlessly. The two main points of discussion were held on cyber security and wildfire mitigation.

Directors Assignments

NPA Annual Meeting

Director Strehle and Mostek will attend the meeting in Kearney with General Manager McWhorter.

NREA Annual Meeting

The NREA Annual Meeting will be held December 3rd through December 6th in Kearney. Directors Arduser and Petersen will take the directors' class on December 3rd. Directors Mostek and Strehle will come out later with General Manager McWhorter. Director Kluthe is still looking at his schedule and will let McWhorter know.

NRECA DC Fly-In

Director Mostek will attend the Fly-In with General Manager McWhorter.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

NPPD

The meeting was held on September 30th in Columbus. The meeting was meant to look over the concept's papers that NPPD outline what they thought they heard from customers regarding the contract. Progress is slow, but McWhorter will continue to follow the progress.

NREA Northeast Managers Group

The meeting was held at Cuming County PPD office. Discussions were held on NPPD's summer rates, legislative candidates, the NEG&T project, cyber security and NPPD contract.

NREA Managers Association and Legal Seminar

The managers' group meeting was discussions held on various services that NREA provided and how they can be improved. The legal seminar was different this year. They held a mock deposition with an attorney from Jackson Lewis and NREA General Manager Rick Nelson. The mock deposition pointed out many issues and what can happen during a trial. Two other items discussed during the meeting were case law and what to do to get our charter and service territory aligned.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Cost of Service Study

Dan Kasbohm from UFS presented the cost-of-service study to the board. After the presentation the board approved to move forward with the recommendations from Dan.

Dan left the meeting at 10:33 am.

Policy 307 - Sexual Harassment

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

Policy 318 - Anti Harassment

Policy was presented, discussed and approved.

The board watched NRECA Videos - Maintaining By-Laws and Matheson video.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday November 14th, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

Kari Haase will discuss the Cost-of-Service Study at lunch.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Rate Policies

Budget Narratives

Third Quarter Report

The motion was made at 11:30 am to adjourn the meeting by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Petersen.

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