

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting September 13, 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 13th day of September 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

- (2) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept the retirement of Dennis Weiler as of 8.22.23.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes		

Motion carried (5-0).

- (3) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mostek and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Rate Adjustments as of October 1st, 2023.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes		

Motion carried (5-0).

- (4) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Petersen **to accept Policy 117 - Safety, as reviewed.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes		

Motion carried (5-0).

- (5) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Kaup **to accept Policy 211 - Military Leave, as reviewed.**

After discussion, a roll call vote was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes		

Motion carried (5-0).

- (6) A motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek **to enter into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. for General Manager Evaluation.**

A roll call was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes		

Motion carried (5-0).

President repeated the board will go into executive session to discuss General Manager Evaluation.

The board came out of executive session at 12:03 pm.

- (7) A motion was made by Director Petersen and seconded by Director Mostek **to increase General Manager Chet McWhorter's salary by 5%.**

A roll call was as follows:

Petersen	Yes	Mostek	Yes
Kaup	Yes	Strehle	Yes
Kluthe	Yes		

Motion carried (5-0).

Directors' Expense and Reports

Director expenses were presented.

Director Kaup discussed annexation by the City of West Point. Director Kluthe had questions regarding the NE Power Review Board.

Director Assignments

NEG&T Board Meeting

Director Mostek and General Manager McWhorter will attend the meeting September 14th in Columbus.

NRECA Regional Meeting

Directors Strehle, Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek and Petersen will attend the meeting with General Manager McWhorter, along with Kinzey Doggett.

Meeting Updates

NREA Board Meeting

Financials and audit are in good shape. The association is fully staffed and works for Nebraska.

NPPD Annual Meeting

The main topics during the meeting were contract discussions and the future power supply.

Managers Expense & Report

Chet McWhorter reported his expenses.

Rates and PCA

CFO Kari Haase will give a report later in the meeting on the 2024 rates for Cuming County. The Cost-of-Service Study called for a 2% average rate increase through 2024 to maintain our cash position. The adjustments were made to the monthly customer charges. It is also recommended to have an updated COSS in 2024.

NREA Quarterly Meetings

The meeting was held in Scottsbluff on August 9-10th. Main items discussed during the meeting were the financials and budget numbers.

NPPD Annual Meeting

The meeting was held in Kearney August 17-18th. Director Strehle attended the meeting with McWhorter. Topics discussed during the meeting were the future of electric industry, update from NE department of economic development, managing energy usage and some contract discussions from NPPD.

SCADA Upgrade

After last month's meeting a contract was signed with Survalent to get in the queue for early 2024. The project will begin shortly after the new year and will be completed by mid-May.

NREA Managers and Legal Seminar

Topics covered mutual aid and a restatement of the agreement between all the PPDs and Co-ops in NREA. Also, there was discussion on policies and procedures that will require some action on CCPPD's part to ensure that our policies meet the necessary legal requirements. An update on employment law was also provided.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Dennis Weiler Retirement was reviewed and accepted.

Kari Haase presented the midyear review to the board.

Kari Haase presented the new rate changes to the board.

Rate Adjustment

Policies below were passed and will go into effect as of October 1st, 2023.

- Policy 510
- Policy 512
- Policy 513
- Policy 520
- Policy 530
- Policy 530A
- Policy 540
- Policy 541
- Policy 542
- Policy 543
- Policy 544
- Policy 545
- Policy 546
- Policy 550

Policy 117 - Safety

Policy was presented for review.

Policy 211 - Military Leave

Policy was presented for review.

The next regular meeting will be held October 11th, 2023, at 9:00 am.

Director Petersen will give a report on potential new directors at lunch.

Motions were read by Petersen.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

The motion was made at 12:11 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by Director Kaup 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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Secretary