

CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
West Point, Nebraska

Regular Meeting September 11, 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 11th day of September 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Present were: President Strehle; Members: Directors Petersen, Kaup, Kluthe, Mostek, Arduser and staff members Haase, Haber, Doggett 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. 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 - August (Attached)

Staff Reports: (Haase, Haber)- (Attached)

- (1) After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Petersen **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 Petersen and seconded by Director Arduser **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	Arduser	Yes

Motion carried (6-0).

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

Motion carried (6-0).

- (4) A motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek **to enter into the Executive Session at 10:58 a.m. for General Manager Evaluation.**

A roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried (6-0).

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

The board came out of executive session at 11:54 am.

- (5) A motion was made by Director Kluthe and seconded by Director Mostek **to adjust the salary for General Manager McWhorter to \$223,000 salary plus a vehicle stipend of \$12,000. Total package of \$235,000.**

A roll call 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.

Director Kaup asked about the hotel expense for Leroy that was labeled NEG&T. He thought the NEG&T covered his room. Mostek stayed down in Kearney for two days, the NEG&T covered the one night. The other night was for an NPPD meeting, and CCPPD covered that one.

Director Kluthe asked about the cost for the Fault Locator, he thought we still had the Fault Van. CCPPD bought their own fault locator as there was an issue with the fault van and was difficult to get. The fault locator was budgeted and CCPPD stayed under budget. The cost in the treasurers report this month was the accessories for the locator.

Director Arduser said that Tom Feller came and talked to her about the outages at his place. He is getting a generator but still would like operations to look at his data and see why outages are happening.

Director Assignments

NEG&T Board Meeting

Director Mostek will be attending the meeting in Columbus. The meeting is on the afternoon of September 11th and all-day September 12th.

NRECA Regional Meeting

Director Arduser and Petersen will be attending with General Manager McWhorter. Director Strehle is attending with NRECA. The meeting is held in Sacramento, CA September 24th - 26th.

NPA Annual Meeting

The NPA meeting is October 29th - 30th in Kearney, NE. Director Strehle and Mostek will attend the meeting with McWhorter. Directo Kluthe is a maybe.

NREA DC Fly-In

The Fly-in is November 12th-13th. McWhorter would need to know soon if anyone is interested in attending.

Meeting Updates**NPPD Annual Meeting**

Director Mostek and Strehle attended the meeting with McWhorter. Dinner was held on the evening of August 15th, with an all-day meeting on the 16th of August. Topics discussed during the meeting: a presentation from SPP on new generation and needed generation, on overview from NPPD on new loads and generation capacity, NPPD on next gen nuclear, financial update from NPPD and where we are at on the new contract with NPPD.

Managers Expense & Report**NEG&T Managers Group/NPPD**

For the NPPD meeting a small group met on August 29th in Columbus. The NEG&T meeting was held in Norfolk on August 14th. During both meetings a large discussion was held on the NPPD Wholesale Power Contract. McWhorter reviewed the contract with the board members and a discussion was held. In the current state, there is no intention of signing this version of the contract.

LB 1370

LB 1370 states that if any installation needs to be done within 10 miles of military facilities, that all the equipment needs to be USA made. McWhorter states that CCPPD is not near any military facilities, so we comply.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business**Policy 117 - Safety**

The policy was presented for review.

Policy 211 - Military Leave

The policy was presented for review.

The board watched NRECA Governance Talk Video: Artificial Intelligence Part 2.

The next regular meeting will be held October 9th, 2024, at 9:00 am.

Kinzey Doggett will give the lunch report on how AI could affect the customer service reps.

Motions were read by Doggett.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

UFS will be at Cuming County PPD to review the Cost-of-Service Study.

The motion was made at 12:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by Director Kaup and seconded by Director Kluthe.

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