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News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) - The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District's board of directors approved a bid proposal for repairs to the spillway at Kingsley Dam during a special meeting on Friday.

Simon Contractors of North Platte submitted a bid of \$481,235 plus \$15,000 for stitch weld repairs on the outlet structure, also known as the "Morning Glory" spillway.

In addition to welding, the contractor will install anchor bolts and supports to reinforce 12 vertical columns on the structure's exterior.

Inspections last spring revealed a slight separation — less than an inch — on one of the exterior columns. Central engineers and a consultant recommended that all 12 columns should be reinforced while the contractor was on site.

Also during the special meeting, the board approved a \$742,300 purchase contract for 189.65 acres of land adjacent to Gallagher Canyon Reservoir south of Cozad.

Central acquired the property at auction this week in order to maintain control of its boundaries around the lake in accordance with its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license.

Central representatives had approached the landowner about purchasing only the acres immediately adjacent to Central's property and necessary for boundary control, but were informed that the property would be sold only as a single parcel.

Central intends to lease the crop land next summer while the boundary change process is underway with the FERC.

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