

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA

MARCH 4, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
LIED LODGE – NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
FEBRUARY 12, 2024 – 2:00 P.M.

This meeting was publicly advertised in accordance with Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Statutes by notices aired on KRVN (Lexington) and KUVR (Holdrege) radio stations on February 6, 2024, and through legal publication in the Nebraska City News-Press on February 9, 2024, the Kearney Hub, Holdrege Daily Citizen and North Platte Telegraph on February 8, 2024 and the Lexington Clipper-Herald on February 10, 2024, giving the time, date, and place of the meeting and the information that the Agenda was available in advance at the Office of the Assistant Secretary.

A postcard was mailed to each Director on February 1, 2024 giving the time, date, and place of this meeting.

The following Directors were present:

David L. Rowe, President	Geoffrey K. Bogle	David G. Nelson
Kyle Shepherd, Vice President	Tim Boyle	Dudley L. Nelson
William E. Knoerzer, Secretary	Robert B. Dahlgren*	Brent Soneson
K. Scott Olson, Treasurer		

**arrived at 2:43 p.m.*

The following Directors were absent: Martin E. Mueller and Roger D. Olson

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Cory Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	Alex Linden, Govt & Public Relations Mgr.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller and Finance Mgr.	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resources & Compliance Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	

Others present: Kurth Brashear, Rembolt Ludtke LLP

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The Board President announced that information for the public concerning the Open Meetings Act was available for interested parties to view.

At 2:30 p.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW: A review of the strategic plan was presented by management.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT: Topics of discussion included: bylaws, board policy development, work on an interlocal agency development with Dawson Public Power District, public relations, communications, and agreements to further development of the District's energy resources.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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LIED LODGE – NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
FEBRUARY 13, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

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K. Scott Olson, Treasurer		

**exited the meeting at 11:00 a.m.*

The following Directors were absent: Martin E. Mueller and Roger D. Olson

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Cory Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	Alex Linden, Govt & Public Relations Mgr.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller and Finance Mgr.	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resources & Compliance Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	

Others present: Tim Cervený and Bruce Doll from MEAN

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At 8:30 a.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: Discussions continued about updating the District's mission statement and the long-term strategic plan.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT: Tim Cervený and Bruce Doll from MEAN were present to discuss how the J-1 and J-2 hydro generation is being utilized and other energy development opportunities. They also provided background on NMPP and MEAN, who their customers are, and how they are

served. Eric Hixson discussed Jeffrey hydro generation and the initial results of marketing that energy through the Southwest Power Pool.

FINANCIAL PLANNING: Rochelle Jurgens presented an overview of the District's current and projected financials, along with upcoming capital expenditures and how those could be funded. Mike Drain discussed the Kingsley Dam refacing project and cost estimates along with recreational development opportunities. Needed improvements to District facilities were discussed.

WATER RESOURCES: Scott Dicke and Cory Steinke provided information on potential groundwater recharge agreements and partnerships. Dicke gave a presentation on the Rubicon system. Management presented on water sustainability and the progress of the unified water plan.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
LIED LODGE – NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
FEBRUARY 14, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

This meeting was publicly advertised in accordance with Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Statutes by notices aired on KRVN (Lexington) and KUVR (Holdrege) radio stations on February 6, 2024, and through legal publication in the Nebraska City News-Press on February 9, 2024, the Kearney Hub, Holdrege Daily Citizen and North Platte Telegraph on February 8, 2024 and the Lexington Clipper-Herald on February 10, 2024, giving the time, date, and place of the meeting and the information that the Agenda was available in advance at the Office of the Assistant Secretary.

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K. Scott Olson, Treasurer		Brent Soneson

The following Directors were absent: Robert B. Dahlgren, Martin E. Mueller, Roger D. Olson, and Kyle Shepherd

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Alex Linden, Govt & Public Relations Mgr.
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller and Finance Mgr.	Anton Hassebrook, Hydroelectric Ops Super.
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resources & Compliance Mgr.	McKinley Harm, Civil Engineer
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Cory Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	

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Board President Rowe announced that information for the public concerning the Open Meetings Act was available for interested parties to view.

At 8:30 a.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: No consents to assign were presented.

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT SUMMARY: No permits were presented during this meeting. The February permits will be presented at the March Committee Meeting of the Board.

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: Cory Steinke presented aerial photographs of land owned by W.S. David (farmed by John Hecox). Based on the discussion, staff will make recommendations to modify water service agreements and water right transfers at an upcoming meeting on these parcels.

WATER RIGHT TRANSFERS: None.

WORK ORDERS/PURCHASE REQUISITIONS: None.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: There was nothing new to report at this time.

E-65 SIPHON AND ELWOOD SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECTS: Scott Dicke stated the engineering firms are beginning the geotechnical exploration, cultural resource investigation, and other field work and surveying necessary to progress the E-65 siphon project. Regarding the seepage repair project, the contractor continues to make progress with the Elwood seepage repair through excavation and pipe installation near the Curtis pump station. He commended the Gosper County Roads Department and Sheriff for their efforts to maintain traffic safety in the area. The work around the pumpstation should be completed by April 1, 2024 pursuant to the agreement with the contractor.

BID TAB – J1/J2 T1 BUSHING REPLACEMENTS: Anton Hasebrook presented five bids to replace the transformer bushings at J1 and J2 as follows: Waukesha-\$175,000.00; Sunbelt-\$82,340.00; IPS-\$277,300.00; Electro-Test & Maintenance, Inc.-\$99,730.00; and Delta Star-\$173,102.00. Staff is investigating and comparing the warranties and other contractual items offered by each bidder and will make a recommendation at the March 4, 2024 Regular Business Meeting.

DISTRICT BYLAWS UPDATE: The Bylaws Subcommittee will hold a meeting soon to discuss draft edits to the bylaws supplied by legal counsel from Rembolt Ludtke LLP.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden circulated an updated legislative watchlist. The hearing on LB1260 held last Wednesday. Rowe, Brundage and Tom Schwarz (on behalf of the Central District Water Users) testified in support of the bill. The Natural Resources Committee appears to support the bill. A hearing on LB1300 was held last Thursday. Two new Power Review Board members were seated this week.

BOARD COMMENTS: Director S. Olson stated he enjoys the facilities at the Lied Lodge. President Rowe expressed the same sentiment and felt the location was conducive to focusing on the retreat discussions.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster has concerns about LB1300. He has fielded questions from staff about standard contracts and leases. He has reviewed the draft Interlocal Agency contract with Dawson Public Power District.

PERSONNEL: None.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: The following travel was approved by the General Manager for March, 2024:

Name	Meeting	Location	Date
Mike Drain	NHA	Washington DC	March 11-15
Devin Brundage	APPA	Pasadena CA	March 17-19

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: None.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS: None.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

- a. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,239.6, 1,036,500 acre-feet, and 61.9% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are around 1,250 cfs and releases are around 100 cfs. Snowpack in the upper North Platte basin is at 85% of median, the lower North Platte is at 68%, and the South Platte is at 92%.

- b. Cory Steinke is filing for a temporary water right for recharge. He is preparing specifications for repairs to the Morning Glory.
- c. Eric Hixson made an offer to a candidate to fill the System Control Operator position in Gothenburg due to an upcoming retirement.
- d. Mike Drain reported he has heard from Emily Anderson and she appears to be recovering well.
- e. McKinley Harm reported the final draft for the structural analysis is almost completed for the Jeffrey, J1 and J2 hydros. There are no cracks of major concern. Most of the cracks are from the wind load which was overlooked in the original load design. The cracks monitors have not been moving.
- f. Rochelle Jurgens reported BKD is in the Holdrege office conducting the 2023 audit. Once the audit is completed, she will finalize end-of-year transactions for 2023.
- g. Scott Dicke announced recharge ceased on February 12, 2024. Nearly 3,000 acres were diverted through excess flows down the E-65 Canal, Victor WPA and the Phelps Canal. A customer appreciation hamburger feed will be held on March 5, 2024 in Axtell and Bertrand. Postcards will be mailed to customers to notify them of the appreciation lunch. The Central District Water Users group met last Friday in the Holdrege office and Tom Schwarz has temporarily assumed the presidential role since Dave Dahlgren no longer takes Central water. A delivery of pipe to replace sections of pipeline was delivered and crews will be working to install it prior to irrigation season. Crews are hauling concrete that was removed from a feedlot to use as riprap along areas of the canal system. The Central District Water Users annual meeting and steak fry will be held on March 12, 2024 at the Rodeway Inn in Holdrege.
- h. Devin Brundage testified in support of LB1260 and attended the NREA Legislative Reception last week. President Rowe complimented the NREA Legislative Reception. Last week, Alex Linden graduated from class #15 from Leadership Nebraska. Brundage thanked the Directors for their continued commitment to the District and the time they dedicated to attending this Board Retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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Also present were the following:

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At 9:30 a.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY: Management presented information about the challenges ahead for the District with regard to sediment mitigation, and the status and condition of various structures throughout the District.

PERSONNEL AND SUCCESSION PLAN: Directors discussed District management staff and a succession plan for each vital role.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA
MARCH 4, 2024 – 9:00 A.M

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The following Directors were present:

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William E. Knoerzer, Secretary	Martin E. Mueller	Roger D. Olson
K. Scott Olson, Treasurer		Brent Soneson*

**arrived at 9:01 a.m.*

The following Director was absent: Robert B. Dahlgren

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Alex Linden, Gov't & Public Relations Mgr.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops Mgr.	Haley Munson, Purchasing Agent
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resource & Compliance Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Scott E. Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	

Others present were:

Carson Messersmith	John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD
Joe Bilka	

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At 9:00 a.m. Board President Rowe announced the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: John Thorburn reported that Tri-Basin NRD is currently accepting tree and shrub orders for windbreak planting. He thanked Central staff for help with removing beaver dams at Cottonwood Ranch. The Republican River Basin has a new cost share program for soil moisture sensors.

Sonesson entered the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the February 14, 2024 Committee Meeting of the Board.

The Board President asked the Directors if there were items they wished to remove from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion and voting. Hearing none, the following items were presented:

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held February 5, 2024**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Committee Meeting (Board Retreat) of the Board of Directors held February 12, 2024**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Committee Meeting (Board Retreat) of the Board of Directors held February 13, 2024**
- **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors held February 14, 2024**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Committee Meeting (Board Retreat) of the Board of Directors held February 14, 2024**
- **Approval of the March Disbursements:**

Hydro Division:

Check # 8901224-VOID; Check #s 71871 through 72077 & 8901238 through 8901264 (Accounts Payable) \$1,965,386.75

Payroll \$866,043.08

Kingsley Division:

Check #s 3638 through 3646 (Accounts Payable) \$301,185.46

Glendo Division:

Check # 1122 \$2,048.60

It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Shepherd abstained from voting. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: The following were presented:

<u>System</u>	<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Legal Desc.</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Contr. Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres Chg'd</u>
<u>Water Service Agreements:</u>					
P	7141601 (1)	SW1/4 and SE1/4 16-7-14	Michael & Carol Johannsen	216	+90
		<i>*Add 90 acres to account</i>			
P	7190102 (1)	NE1/4SE1/4 and S1/2SE1/4 1-7-19	3 T's Land Corporation	30	+0
		<i>*Moved acres from SW to NE</i>			
E65	7191801 (1)(3)	SW1/4SE1/4 18-7-19	Sunny View Inc.	10	-41
		<i>*Completed termination and resigned acres</i>			

P	7192102 (1)(3)	N1/2NE1/4 21-7-19	David Nelson	14	-164
					<i>*Completed termination and resigned acres</i>
E65	7201102 (1)(3)	NW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SE1/4 11-7-20	Sunny View Inc.	21	-48
					<i>*Completed termination and resigned acres</i>
E65	7201404 (1)	NW1/4 and NE1/4 14-7-20	KSK Properties, LLC	283	+0
					<i>*Combined accounts 7201402 and 7201404</i>

- (1) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2024 irrigation season accompanies new WSA.
- (2) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2024 irrigation season to accompany existing WSA.
- (3) Water Service Agreement terminated after 2023, landowner came-back with new WSA.
- (4) Documents are currently being reviewed with landowners and/or are being signed by the landowners.
- (5) Water Service Agreement immediately terminated after 2023.
- (6) Water Service Agreement activation date being when CWS permit is issued by the NeDNR.

It was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Boyle to approve the Water Service Agreements as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

RIGHT-OF-WAY TRANSACTIONS (BRIDGE AGREEMENTS): The following Applications for the Removal of Bridges were presented:

System	Tract Number	Legal Description	Landowner
<i>Applications for Removal of Bridge or Crossing</i>			
Supply Canal	E#155	E1/2 2-12-29	DLJJ, LLC
			<i>*Remove timber farm bridge, located at approximate milepost p-8.0 on the Supply Canal system, that is no longer needed or used.</i>
Supply Canal	E#155	E1/2 2-12-29	Lunkwitz Land & Cattle Co.
			<i>*Remove timber farm bridge, located at approximate milepost p-8.0 on the Supply Canal system, that is no longer needed or used.</i>

It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Mueller to approve the Right-of-Way (Bridge Removal) Agreements as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: The following were presented:

- a. Purchase Requisition No. 21075 – Kroy Industries for Pipeline Replacement Installation (\$90,539.12)
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 21627 – FNIC for 2024 Insurance Premiums (\$146,712.00)
- c. Purchase Requisition No. 21631 – FNIC for 2024 Insurance Premiums (\$106,066.00)
- d. Purchase Requisition No. 21624 – Marsh USA Inc. for 2024 Insurance Premiums (\$327,264.04)

It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Boyle to approve Purchase Requisition Nos. 21075, 21627, 21631, and 21624 as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

MICROWAVE BATTERY BANKS FOR HOLDREGE, BERTRAND, J1, J2, JEFFREY, AND KINGSLEY MICROWAVE BUILDINGS/ROOMS: Eric Hixson presented five bids as follows: Action Battery

Systems-\$49,002.00; GNB Industrial Power-\$45,487.75; Electrorep Energy Products, Inc.-\$47,893.92; HM Cragg dba Ash Battery Systems-\$52,758.00; and Alpine Power Systems-\$47,145.00. Staff recommended accepting the bid from Action Battery Systems based on the anticipated improved life span of the batteries, contributing to a better overall value.

Hixson then presented Revision #3 to the 2024 Budget as follows:

Kingsley Division	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Difference
<u>Capital</u>			
Kingsley Microwave 48V Battery Bank	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000

Finally, Hixson presented Work Order No. 107476 in the amount of \$68,790.00 and Work Order No. 2107191 in the amount of \$14,687.00.

It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Knoerzer to award the bid for the Microwave Battery Banks to Action Battery Systems in the amount of \$49,002.00 and to approve the following: Revision #3 to the 2024 Budget (Kingsley Division) in the amount of \$15,000.00; Work Order No. 107476 in the amount of \$68,790.00; and Work Order No. 2107191 in the amount of \$14,687.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

DEEP WELL AT J-1 HYDRO: Eric Hixson stated a budget amendment was not necessary for this item as it and the associated work order was part of the 2023 budget. He presented Supplemental Work Order No. 107453 in the amount of \$17,000.00.

It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director S. Olson approve Supplemental Work Order No. 107453 in the amount of \$17,000.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

SUPPLY CANAL 63.3 RTU UPGRADE: Eric Hixson presented Work Order No. 107474 in the amount of \$29,462.00 and Revision #3 to the 2024 Budget as follows:

Gothenburg Division	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Difference
<u>Capital</u>			
Supply Canal 63.3 RTU	\$0	\$29,462	\$29,462

It was moved by Director Mueller and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve Revision #3 to the 2024 Budget (Gothenburg Division) in the amount of \$29,462.00 and Work Order No. 107474 in the amount of \$29,462.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

BID TAB – J1/J2 HYDRO T1 BUSHING REPLACEMENTS: Eric Hixson presented five bids as follows: Waukesha-\$175,000.00; Sunbelt Solomon-\$82,340.00; IPS-\$277,300.00; Electro-Test & Maintenance, Inc.-\$99,730.00; and Delta Star-\$173,102.00. Staff recommended accepting the low bid from Sunbelt Solomon in the amount of \$82,340.00.

It was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Soneson to accept the bid from Sunbelt Solomon in the amount of \$82,340.00 for installation of the 25MVA Transformer Bushing Replacements at the J1 and J2 Hydros. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

BID TAB (BID GROUPS 24-07, 24-08, 24-09 & 24-11) – PICKUPS FOR GOTHENBURG: Cory Steinke presented three bids for a variety of pickups as follows: Bill Summer & Ford LLC-\$380,497.00; Gene Steffy Auto Group Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, RAM-\$352,523.00; and Pony Express Chevrolet Buick-\$344,872.00. Following conversations with District personnel regarding recent issues experienced by the District with the Dodge trucks, staff recommended accepting the bid for the Chevrolet pickup trucks from Pony Express in the amount of \$344,872.00.

It was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director R. Olson to accept the bid from Pony Express Chevrolet Buick in the amount of \$344,872.00 for seven Chevy pickup trucks for Gothenburg. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

BID TAB – E-67 WATER SCREEN: Scott Dicke presented three bids as follows: Aqua Systems 2000-\$99,900.00; International Water Screens-\$144,000.00; and Atlas SSI-\$161,235.00. Dicke stated the low bid did not meet the required specifications. Staff recommended accepting the bid from International Water Screens in the amount of \$144,000.00.

It was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director Soneson to accept the bid from International Water Screens in the amount of \$144,000.00 for the E-67 Water Screen. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (2/14/24): Mike Drain reviewed the minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting and presented the following items the subcommittee acted on:

- a. Permitting Procedures Amendments: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of amendments to the Permitting Procedures to modify Section 5.2.2.4 to change 8 feet to 16 feet; to delete all the requirements of 5.2.2.5; to change 5.3.4.3. to: A constructed beach and associated retaining walls must be located within the Land-Based SWAF zone, be no wider than 30' in total length, not interfere with adjacent shoreline protection projects, not restrict access to the shoreline for future maintenance activities and must not disturb survey monuments; and to change the Dwelling Buildable Area (Buildable Area) to: The space remaining on a lot after the minimum setbacks and other site restriction requirements of these Permitting Procedures have been met. For purposes of these Permitting Procedures, in addition to the main structure, all eaves, steps, porches, decks, egress window wells, and fuel tanks shall be considered a part of the building or a related structure and must be located within the lot's buildable area.

It was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director Bogle to approve the Permitting Procedures Amendments as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

- b. Ivers Grazing Leases at Lake McConaughy: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of accepting the bid of \$32.35 per acre, for a total lease amount of \$34,539.75, to John W. and Louise Schroder.

Staff updated the board on the fence construction that the District needs to complete before the grazing season. The board may be presented with a purchase requisition for approval as the cost of the fence installation will be near the spending authority of the General Manager.

It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Knoerzer to accept the bid for the Ivers Grazing Lease from John W. and Louise Schroder in the amount of \$32.25 per acre, for a total lease amount of \$34,539.75. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson,

Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden stated today is day 37 of the 60-day legislative session. He continues to follow LB1260 and other pertinent legislation. There are 25 seats up for re-election. At least 15 new senators are expected due to term limits.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. 2024 NMPP Energy Annual Conference in Lincoln, March 19-21, 2024.

PERSONNEL: None.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: **It was moved by Director Mueller and seconded by Director R. Olson to excuse the absence of Director Dahlgren from this meeting. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

BOARD COMMENTS: Director David Nelson inquired about the timeline for potential development or disposition opportunities for properties the District has purchased over the past several years for FERC boundary mitigation purposes. Brundage commented the District plans to determine a plan to pursue selling, leasing or developing any of the real estate not identified as required by FERC when FERC completes approval of the new boundary review. Director Shepherd was invited to attend a recent meeting of the Citizens Opposed to the Merger but he was unable to attend. Directors Knoerzer and Rowe stated good discussions were held during the recent board retreat. Brundage will post a revised strategic plan and a draft of a new mission statement to the board website and seek board approval of the new mission statement.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster had nothing new to report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,240.7, 1,107,100 acre feet, and 63.3% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 1,100 cfs and outflows are around 125 cfs. Snowpack in the upper North Platte basin has improved to 100% of median average after setting record lows twice this year. The lower North Platte is at 71% and the South Platte basin is at 95% of median.
- b. Cory Steinke reported on dredging efforts at the Diversion Dam. He applied for a well permit from the Twin Platte NRD to pump cooling water into the dredge. He has been working with a FERC consultant to assist in developing the scope of work needed to repair the concrete in the throat and discharge conduit of the Morning Glory. He will present a water service agreement for an account near the Jeffrey Lake Dam at an upcoming meeting.
- c. Mike Drain discussed the FERC Part 12 Inspection and the new requirement for a 10-year comprehensive inspection with risk analysis. He plans to hold a meeting of the Power & Facilities subcommittee to discuss the comprehensive assessment. He is attending the NHA conference in Washington, D.C. next week and NHA announced they are awarding Congressman Adrian Smith with the "Legislator of the Year" award.
- d. Scott Dicke reminded Directors of the customer appreciation lunch in Axtell and Bertrand tomorrow from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Irrigation Service Specialists are working on irrigation scheduling with their customers. Irrigation deliveries will begin on June 10, 2024 and continue through September 1, 2024. The Central District Water Users group will hold their annual meeting and steak fry on March 12, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rodeway Inn in Holdrege. Presentations will be provided by Rubicon and by District staff about legislation, the water supply, and Kingsley Dam repairs. Progress on

the Elwood Dam seepage project continues. The topography and survey work has been completed for the E-65 Siphon project, and the geotech and cultural resource studies will begin next week.

- e. Rochelle Jurgens reported Forvis (formerly BKD) will be in the office next week to conduct testing on the defined benefit plan and OPEB. The retirement committee will meet later this week and DC Retirement Strategies will conduct education sessions for employees in Gothenburg and Holdrege soon.
- f. Alex Linden will attend the NPA Legislative Reception tomorrow in Lincoln and a State Chamber of Commerce outing later this week. The annual Summer Water Tour will be held June 17-18, 2024 and will include stops in the southeast part of Nebraska and a one-night stay at the Lied Lodge.
- g. Eric Hixson reported on the installation of an annunciator at the J-1 Hydro. Crews have been wiring a booster pump for the dredge, building RTUs, and conducting spring checks on irrigation sites in preparation for irrigation operations.
- h. Devin Brundage and Mike Drain met with representatives in Ogallala recently regarding potential plans for the real estate the District recently acquired on the south side of Lake McConaughy and discussed the boundary review process with them. He asked the members of the Bylaws Subcommittee to stay after the meeting to receive a draft of the revised bylaws. He provided a presentation to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources regarding repairs to Kingsley Dam and those representatives have provided an initial briefing to Governor Pillen. Brundage plans to follow up with Governor Pillen to provide more detail when the Governor's schedule allows.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Soneson to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 10:33 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Absent was: Dahlgren. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

William E. Knoerzer, Secretary

By _____
David L. Rowe, President