

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA

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MINUTES OF WORKING MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA  
AUGUST 23, 2024 – 9:00 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 August 19, 2024, and through legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on August 19, 2024, the Kearney Hub and North Platte Telegraph on August 20, 2024, and the Lexington Clipper-Herald on August 17, 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 August 13, 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	Martin E. Mueller*	Roger D. Olson
K. Scott Olson, Treasurer		

*\*participated in the meeting via Zoom*

The following Directors were absent: Robert B. Dahlgren and Brent Soneson

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Anton Hassebrook, Hydroelectric Ops. Super.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Dusty Way, Irrigation Operations Super.
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	Steve Osterbuhr, Irrigation Superintendent
Michael A. Drain, Nat. Resource & Compliance Mgr.	Haley Munson, Purchasing Agent
Alex Linden, Gov't & Public Relations Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer	

Others:

Gary Robison	Robin Hinrichs
Reed McClymont	

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

PUBLIC INPUT: Robin Hinrichs thanked staff members for providing a tour of the District to the Tri-Basin NRD directors and staff last week, commenting that the tour was very enjoyable and informative. He discussed his candidacy in the upcoming general election for a seat on NPPD's board and provided a list of his values and accomplishments.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: None.

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT SUMMARY: The following Permits to Construct were presented for August, 2024:

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager 8/23/2024				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
1.	Village of Loomis	NW1/4 Section 20-6-19	Build a 20-foot-wide gravel surface alley.	08/05/2024
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 8/23/2024 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
2.	Medlock, Matthew	24 Northeast Cove Dr 9	DWEL - Pour new 10' x 20' on grade concrete approach	07/23/2024
3.	Kloch, Gregory & Susan	95 Mallard Beach Dr 22	DWEL - Remove existing dwelling and replace with new dwelling	07/24/2024
4.	Northeast Bay Area Association	SW1/4 SW1/4 Sec 33-T9N-R22	Drill new community well	07/25/2024
5.	Dawson, Richard & Barbara	20 North Shore Dr 8	DWEL - Remove existing deck and replace with composite deck	07/26/2024
6.	Byrns, Michael & Halouska, Patty	2 Kirby Point	DWEL - Pour new on grade concrete to existing concrete garage approach	07/30/2024
7.	Krajewski, Andrew & Mary	25 East Shore Dr 1A	DWEL - Construct 80' x 36' x 28' tall 2- story dwelling with 16" eaves	07/31/2024
8.	Olesen, John & Debra	17 Mallard Beach	SWAF - Install 4'W x 16'L Dock, 12'W x 12'L Shorestation	08/02/2024 \$50.00
9.	Rank, Samuel & Teresa	54 Mallard Beach So Bay Dr. 21	SWAF - Install 28'6 x 5' Paver area	08/07/2024 \$50.00
10.	Sandoval, Sergio & Gloria	3 & 4 North Point Dr 13	SWAF - Construct 16'L x 3'W Common Use Access	08/08/2024 \$50.00
11.	Larson, Stephen & Carolyn	2 & 3 Northeast Bay Dr 4	SWAF - Install 6'W x 9'L Jet-Ski Lift – Common Use	08/09/2024 \$50.00
12.	Noble, Jeffrey	99 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	DWEL - Construct 10' x 12' x 7 wooden garden shed on skids	08/13/2024
13.	Dannull, Cliff & Willa	132 Lakeview Acres Dr 14D	SWAF ATF - 3'W x 15'L After the fact Access	07/26/2024 \$200.00
14.	Pilakowski	9 South Crappie Corner Dr 3	ECS - Construct 3'T x 39'L Retaining wall	08/14/2024

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 8/23/2024 – Jeffrey Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
15.	Bailey, William & Marilyn	6 Lakeview Rd	ECS - Bank stabilization (Riprap) for 60.0 linear feet of the shoreline	07/31/2024
16.	France, Joe & Katherine	57 S Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation, 6'W x 9'L Jet-Ski Lift	08/07/2024 \$50.00
17.	Bender, David & Patricia	66 S Lakeview Rd	SWAF -Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation	08/12/2024 \$50.00
18.	Brindle, Leroy & Gaylene	14 Lakeview Rd	VEG - Vegetation removal	08/14/2024
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 8/23/2024 – Lake McConaughy				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
19.	House Dr LLC	31 K-1 Rd	DWEL - Install new septic system	08/12/2024
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 8/23/2024 – Plum Creek				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
20.	Gengenbach, Brent & Kelly	1 Plum Creek Canyon Dr. 12B	SWAF - Construct 5'W x 25'L Access to the shoreline	08/16/2024 \$400.00 Adjacent Landowner
21.	Gengenbach, Brent & Kelly	1 Plum Creek Canyon Dr. 12B	ECS - Construct two Boulder walls less than 4'6"	08/19/2024
22.	Osborn, Kevin & Teresa	1 Plum Creek Canyon Dr. 12I	SWAF - Install 4'W x 12'L Gangway, 4 - 4'W x 8'L Sections of Dock	08/05/2024 \$50.00

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: None.

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

- a. Work Order No. 107491 – Gothenburg/Jeffrey/J1/J2 Phone System (\$96,421.00)
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 24693 – Intellicom – Gothenburg/Jeffrey/J1/J2 Phone System (\$75,620.00)
- c. Purchase Requisition No. 24337 – Action Battery Wholesalers – 24 Cell Batteries (\$52,913.66)
- d. Work Order No. 107492 – Kingsley Phone System (\$13,559.00)
- e. Work Order No. 2107193 – Kingsley Governor Upgrade (\$242,100.00)

2024 WATER RIGHTS AUDIT: Dusty Way provided an overview of the audit report dated August 23, 2024.

2025 CHEMICALS – EARLY ORDER PROGRAM: Haley Munson presented a quote for the Seopro Early Order Program which provides a savings of \$20,600.25 on 2025 chemicals if pre-ordered by August 31, 2024.

CHEMICAL STORAGE BUILDING UPDATE: Haley Munson is working with Scott Dicke to develop bidding documents and a notice that will be published and sent out to contractors in the next week for the construction of a chemical storage building on District property in Holdrege.

PROGRESS ESTIMATE NO. 4 (FINAL), CONTRACT NO. 0-731 – PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET FOR PICKUPS (\$102,580.00): Haley Munson confirmed the pickup trucks have been delivered, inspected and found to be satisfactory. Staff recommended final payment to Pony Express Chevrolet in the amount of \$102,580.00. Most of the used pickups will be auctioned through both Big Iron and Adam Marshall Land & Auction.

PROGRESS ESTIMATE NO. 3 (FINAL), CONTRACT NO. 0-719 – NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER FOR WESTERN STAR DUMP TRUCK (\$524,930.00): Cory Steinke confirmed the dump truck has been delivered, inspected and found to be satisfactory. Staff recommended final payment to Nebraska Truck Center in the amount of \$524,930.00.

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (8/19/24): Mike Drain presented a summary of the recent meeting and the items the subcommittee acted on as follows:

- a. Mid Nebraska Docks and Lifts Concession Lease, Johnson Lake: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of a 15-year term concession lease with Mid Nebraska Docks and Lifts, the specifics of which will be negotiated by staff, with no RV's or camping of any kind to be allowed.
- b. Agricultural Lease Renewals: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of two agricultural leases with Robert Murray for a 10-year term, and to publicize a "Notice to Bidders" for the 81-acres of irrigated cropland at Gallagher Canyon for a 5-year term.

DIVERSION DAM DREDGE PURCHASE: Cory Steinke is in the process of writing specifications and District requirements for a new dredge and he intends to seek bids from dredge manufacturers in the coming weeks. He provided a probable cost estimate to the board to purchase the dredge. He plans to present those bids in September and will seek approval at the October 7, 2024 Regular Business Meeting.

A break was taken at 10:05 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:18 a.m.

2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Rochelle Jurgens presented Amendment #9 to the 2024 Budget as follows:

<u>HYDRO DIVISION</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>FERC Chicago (Dam Safety)</u>			
Contracted Services 1-33-53700-227-20 Emergency Spillway Investigation	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$100,000
<u>Kingsley Hydro</u>			
Capital – Governor Upgrade	\$121,000	\$242,100	\$121,100

BID TAB (GROUP 24-13) – GOVERNOR CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR KINGSLEY HYDRO: Anton Hassebrook presented two bids from Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$177,209.96 and L & S Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$170,498.00. The District has had a positive experience working with both companies in the past. Staff will recommend accepting the low bid from L & S Electric, Inc., subject to a final legal review of the relevant contract documents.

KINGSLEY DAM EMERGENCY SPILLWAY ERODIBILITY EVALUATION – RJH AGREEMENT: Mike Drain presented an agreement with RJH to collect geotechnical data within the emergency spillway to improve confidence in the erodibility evaluations and the development of a report to be filed with FERC at a cost of \$186,070.00. Drain stated FERC requires the soil borings be completed by July 31, 2025 and RJH would like to begin the work this fall.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain had nothing new to report.

ELWOOD SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECTS: Tyler Thulin stated work continues to complete the filter sand placement, flattening of slopes, and road grading. The substantial completion date of the project is set for September 14, 2024.

E-65 SIHPON PROJECT: Tyler Thulin and Scott Dicke recently met with consultants from JEO and HDR to discuss pipe materials and a procurement method. The engineering work is nearing completion, and continued progress will require deciding whether to use steel or HDPE pipe. The consultants recommended the board form a Pipe Selection Committee to meet with potential contractors on September 12, 2024 in Holdrege. Board President Rowe asked directors Knoerzer, S. Olson and Shepherd to be members of the Pipe Selection Committee.

JEFFREY HYDRO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): Devin Brundage displayed a copy of the RFP materials that were mailed and/or e-mailed to numerous power purchasers on August 16, 2024.

2024/2025 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE: A draft of the 2024/2025 Working Meeting and Regular Business Meeting schedule was displayed and discussed.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported on the special legislative session that ended on August 20, 2024. He reported on planning for the NSIA/NWRA Annual Conference in Kearney later this fall. Linden discussed ongoing efforts to provide educational tours for the state senators and staff of the proposed South Platte Reservoir and Canal.

BOARD COMMENTS: Director Dudley Nelson thanked staff for coordinating a tour of the District earlier this week for approximately 17 Axtell area farmers and irrigators.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues to work on various agreements and lease matters.

PERSONNEL: Devin Brundage stated the Administration Committee met earlier this morning to discuss various recruitment efforts and personnel position changes. The committee voted to direct staff to develop a policy to require the General Manager to provide a report on hourly and salaried personnel changes to the Board of Directors on a regular basis, and to include oversight by the board in approving Senior Management positions in that policy .

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: The following travel has been approved by the General Manager for September:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rochelle Jurgens	APPA Business & Financial Conference	Cleveland, OH	September 8-11, 2024
Mike Drain	ASDSO Dam Safety Conference	Denver, CO	September 22-27, 2024
McKinley Harm	ASDSO Dam Safety Conference	Denver, CO	September 22-27, 2024
Tyler Thulin	ASDSO Dam Safety Conference	Denver, CO	September 22-27, 2024
Nate Nielsen	ASDSO Dam Safety Conference	Denver, CO	September 22-27, 2024
Scott Dicke	Visit E65 Siphon Pipe Manufacturers	Dallas, TX and Charleston, SC	Dates currently unknown
Tyler Thulin	Visit E65 Siphon Pipe Manufacturers	Dallas, TX and Charleston, SC	Dates currently unknown

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. NARD 2024 Annual Conference – September 23-24, 2024, Kearney
- b. Clean Currents by National Hydropower Assoc. – October 7-10, 2024, Portland, OR
- c. Nebraska Wind & Solar - October 22-23, 2024, Lincoln
- d. Nebraska Power Association Annual Conference - October 29-30, 2024, Kearney

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

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

- a. In addition to the work on developing specifications for the a new dredge, Cory Steinke has hired three new general maintenance employees in Gothenburg, and participated in the Axtell and NRD tours.
- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,230.7, 885,000 acre-feet, and 51.1% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are around 1,100 cfs and releases are around 2,100 cfs.
- c. Mike Drain attended Tri-Basin NRD's Special Meeting in Minden this week where he received positive comments from their board members about the tour of Central that occurred August 12-13, 2024. He reported that August 24, 2024 is National Hydropower Day.
- d. Steve Osterbuhr stated crews are doing an excellent job of controlling the algae and pondweed in the canals.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens provided the NRECA Group Benefits Program audit report conducted by Forvis Mazars for the year ending December 31, 2023. This audit is a new requirement and will be conducted every five years. She attended a recent tour with other staff members of a Rubicon gate system hosted by Brad Edgerton.
- f. Alex Linden has been busy conducting tours of the District and planning future ones. He complimented Nate Nielsen's capabilities and knowledge that he provides to tour participants.
- g. Eric Hixson continues efforts to hire an Electrical Engineer and will start interviews soon. He will also be hiring a System Control Operator due to an upcoming retirement. A cyber security audit will be conducted on-site by FERC on September 10-12, 2024. He mentioned a problem with a drain line at the J-1 Hydro.
- h. Dusty Way reported Monday, August 26, 2024 will be the start of the last scheduled irrigation delivery for the 2024 season. The headgates will be closed on September 6, 2024 and the canals will be drained. Irrigation water will be available for late season deliveries as available.
- i. Anton Hassebrook reported on an unplanned outage that occurred at Kingsley Hydro last week. Maintenance outages will be conducted sometime this fall.
- j. Devin Brundage expressed appreciation to the Tri-Basin NRD board and staff for taking the time to tour the District. He continues to seek opportunities to educate the public about the District. He reported on the recent meeting of the Natural Resources Commission and a couple of the grant awards from the Water Sustainability Fund.

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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A postcard was mailed to each Director on August 13, 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	Roger D. Olson
K. Scott Olson, Treasurer	Martin E. Mueller*	Brent Soneson

*\*participated via Zoom*

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Alex Linden, Govt & Public Relations Manager
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Haley Munson, Purchasing Agent
Scott Dicke, Irrigation Division Manager	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Resource & Compliance Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others present were:

Nolan Little, Tri-Basin NRD	Dave Ford
Matt Wells	Nancy Garrelts

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

PUBLIC INPUT: Nolan Little reported on his plans to encourage irrigators enrolled in the Water Conservation Incentive Program (WCIP) to utilize surface water.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the August 23, 2024 Committee Meeting of the Board.



The Board President stated a Director requested the following item be removed from the Consent Agenda: “Approval of a 15-Year Concession Lease with Mid Nebraska Docks and Lifts, the specifics of which will be negotiated by staff, and shall include no RVs or camping of any kind will be allowed.”

The following revised Consent Agenda was presented:

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held August 5, 2024**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held August 23, 2024**
- **Approval of the September Disbursements:**
  - Hydro Division:*
  - Check #s 62778, 71655, 71889, 72874, & 73135-VOID; 73231 through 73421 & 8901425 through 8901457 (Accounts Payable) \$1,107,566.14
  - \$916,427.00
  - Payroll
  - Kingsley Division:*
  - Check #s 3687 through 3693 (Accounts Payable) \$98,858.00
  - Glendo Division:*
  - NONE \$NONE
- **Approval of Work Order No. 107491 – Gothenburg/Jeffrey/J1/J2 Phone System (\$96,421.00)**
- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 24693 – Intellicom – Gothenburg/Jeffrey/J1/J2 Phone System (\$75,620.00)**
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- **Approval of Work Order No. 107492 – Kingsley Phone System (\$13,559.00)**
- **Approval of Work Order No. 2107193 – Kingsley Governor Upgrade (\$242,100.00)**
- **Approval of 2024 Water Rights Audit dated August 23, 2024**
- **Approval of Progress Estimate No. 4 (Final), Contract No. 0-731 – Pony Express Chevrolet for Pickups (\$102,580.00)**
- **Approval of Progress Estimate No. 3 (Final), Contract No. 0-719 – Nebraska Truck Center for Western Star Dump Truck (\$524,930.00)**
- **Approval to Renew Two Agricultural Leases with Robert Murray for a 10-Year Term**
- **Approval to Publicize a Notice to Bidders for the 81-Acres of Irrigated Cropland at Gallagher Canyon for a 5-Year Term**
- **Approval of Amendment #9 to the 2024 Budget as follows:**

<u>HYDRO DIVISION</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
<u>FERC Chicago (Dam Safety)</u>			
Contracted Services 1-33-53700-227-20 Emergency Spillway Investigation	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$100,000
<u>Kingsley Hydro</u>			
Capital – Governor Upgrade	\$121,000	\$242,100	\$121,100

- **Approval of Bid (Bid Group 24-13) from L & S Electric, Inc. for Governor Control Equipment for Kingsley Hydro (\$170,498.00)**
- **Approval of Agreement with RJH Consultants, Inc. for the Kingsley Dam Emergency Spillway Erodibility Evaluation**
- **Approval of the 2024/2025 Working Meeting and Regular Business Meeting Schedule as follows:**

<u>Regular Working Meeting Date</u>	<u>Regular Business Meeting Date</u>
Friday, September 27, 2024	Monday, October 7, 2024
Friday, October 25, 2024	Monday, November 4, 2024
Friday, November 22, 2024	Monday, December 2, 2024
Friday, December 20, 2024	Monday, January 13, 2025
Friday, January 24, 2025	Monday, February 3, 2025
Friday, February 21, 2025	Monday, March 3, 2025
Friday, March 28, 2025	Monday, April 7, 2025
Friday, April 25, 2025	Monday, May 5, 2025
Wednesday, May 21, 2025	Monday, June 2, 2025
Friday, June 27, 2025	Monday, July 7, 2025
Friday, July 25, 2025	Monday, August 4, 2025
Friday, August 22, 2025	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Friday, September 26, 2025	Monday, October 6, 2025
Friday, October 24, 2025	Monday, November 3, 2025
Friday, November 21, 2025	Monday, December 1, 2025
Friday, December 19, 2025	Monday, January 5, 2026

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

15-YEAR CONCESSION LEASE WITH MID NEBRASKA DOCKS AND LIFTS: Following the end of the lease held near the outlet bridge at Johnson Lake that provided dock and lift services, the District was approached by an individual interested in providing the service at that location. Staff provided background on the request by the Land and Recreation Committee to work with the individual to develop a lease to provide those services. Charles Brewster confirmed there is no legal requirement to seek bids on a concession leases. Director Bogle expressed his desire to use a bidding process for this concession lease.

**It was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director Mueller to approve a 15-Year Concession Lease with Mid Nebraska Docks and Lifts, the terms of which shall be negotiated by staff, but shall include no RVs or camping of any kind. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Dahlgren abstained from voting. Bogle voted no. All others voted yes. The motion was declared carried.**

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

- a. Work Order No. 186596 – Axtell Canal Lining Project (\$412,000.00)
- b. Work Order No. 186598 – Chemical Storage Building (\$412,000.00)
- c. Work Order No. 186599 – Smithfield Canal Lining Project (\$103,000.00)
- d. Purchase Requisition No. 24798 – Van Diest Supply Co to Pre-Buy 2025 Chemicals (\$101,972.75)

**It was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve the Work Order/Purchase Requisition Summary as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

LRE COLORS OF WATER DASHBOARD FOR LAKE MCCONAUGHY: Devin Brundage received a video demonstration from LRE of the Colors of Water tool that will be posted to the board website for viewing by the directors. The tool will be purchased from LRE in the coming months and posted to the District's website for use by the public.

RETIREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG RENEWAL FOR 2025: Rochelle Jurgens presented the Medicare prescription renewal rate for 2025 which increased by 24% from \$234.86 to \$290.48. She has yet to receive the Medicare Supplement renewal rates so she will present that at a later date.

**It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Soneson to approve the 2025 Retiree Prescription Drug Renewal Rate of \$290.48. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden attended a summit last week in Ashland, NE with Senators Fischer and Ricketts and Congressmen Bacon, Flood and Smith. The Senators and Congressmen continue to focus on the Farm Bill and international trade issues.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: President Rowe reminded the directors to let Emily Anderson know if they are interested in registering for any upcoming conferences.

- a. NARD 2024 Annual Conference – September 23-24, 2024, Kearney
- b. Clean Currents by National Hydropower Assoc. – October 7-10, 2024, Portland, OR
- c. Nebraska Wind & Solar - October 22-23, 2024, Lincoln
- d. Nebraska Power Association Annual Conference - October 29-30, 2024, Kearney

PERSONNEL: Cory Steinke introduced new Gothenburg general maintenance employees, Trenton Defruiter, Jaxson Gundell and Levi Widick. Devin Brundage remarked on Kent Gydesen's retirement party held last week in Gothenburg.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: All directors were present.

BOARD COMMENTS: Director Shepherd congratulated McKinley Harm for being selected to participate in the Fellows of Nebraska LEAD Class #43 and Scott Dicke for being chosen to join the Nebraska Chamber Foundation Leadership Class #16.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster had nothing new to report

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Cory Steinke reported the wetlands around the Diversion Dam can be filled and dredged sediment will be pumped into them. Two bridge projects (Hog Farm Bridge and Schilling Bridge) will commence soon. He is investigating the purchase of an asphalt machine to use for filling cracks in various structures and District parking lots. Crews are focusing their efforts to finish the Phillips Canyon boat ramp road project.
- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,229.7, 868,000 acre feet and 49.9% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 1,050 cfs and outflows are around 1,525 cfs. Outflows are declining due to the end of irrigation season. Headgates for the Phelps Canal will be closed on September 6, 2024 and irrigators will be able to drawdown the canal as water is available.
- c. Haley Munson stated a Notice to Bid for the construction of a chemical storage building in Holdrege will be published and sent out to potential contractors.
- d. Scott Dicke reiterated the Phelps Canal will be closed on September 6, 2024 and surface water remaining in the system will be available to irrigators. He reminded the members of the Pipe Selection Committee (Knoerzer, S. Olson and Shepherd) of a meeting with

steel and HDPE manufacturers on September 12, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Holdrege. The Elwood Seepage Repair Project is nearing completion. He is working with a grant writer to apply for a WaterSmart grant for the Rubicon automation system.

- e. Rochelle Jurgens and Meredith Pierce attended a seminar last week hosted by Forvis/Mazars. She has begun working with management on the 2025 budget.
- f. Alex Linden will host a 2-day tour this week for board and staff members of the Nebraska Farm Bureau. He ordered several headsets to improve the listening experience for tours inside Kingsley Hydro. He has several upcoming presentations to various groups about the South Platte Canal Project and Kingsley Dam Refacing Project. He reminded the directors of the District Golf Tournament scheduled for September 21, 2024 at Hi-Line in Bertrand.
- g. Devin Brundage stated the Jeffrey Hydro RFP process continues.

**ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Boyle and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 9:54 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER  
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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William E. Knoerzer, Secretary

By \_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Rowe, President