

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  
SEPTEMBER 27, 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 September 23, 2024, and through legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on September 23, 2024, the Kearney Hub and North Platte Telegraph on September 24, 2024, and the Lexington Clipper-Herald on September 21, 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 September 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
William E. Knoerzer, Secretary	Tim Boyle*+	Dudley L. Nelson
K. Scott Olson, Treasurer	Robert B. Dahlgren	Roger D. Olson
	Martin E. Mueller*	

*\*participated via Zoom  
+joined the meeting via Zoom from 9:18 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.*

The following Directors were absent: Kyle Shepherd and Brent Soneson

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Dusty Way, Irrigation Operations Super.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Steve Osterbuhr, Irrigation Superintendent
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	Jeremy Hendricks, Supply Canal Ops. Super.
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Haley Munson, Purchasing Agent
Scott Dicke, Irrigation Division Manager	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Alex Linden, Govt & Public Relations Manager	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others present were:

Gary Robison	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 9:01 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: There was one consent at Lake McConaughy and three at Johnson Lake in September, 2024.

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

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager 9/27/2024				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
1.	Charter Communications, LLC	SE1/4 5-8-22	RELOCATE COMMUNICATION LINES FROM ELECTRICAL POLES AND INSTALL THEM UNDERGROUND.	08/29/2024 \$2,200.00
2.	Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	35-7-16; 3-6-16; 2-6-16; 11-6-16; 1-6-16; 6-6-15; 7-6-15 11-6-16; 12-6-16; 13-6-16; 14-6-16	INSTALL UNDERGROUND COMMUNICATION CABLES AND APPURTENANT ABOVE GROUND STRUCTURES.	09/16/2024 \$4,235.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/27/2024 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
3.	Zauha, Judy	39 North Point Drive 13	DWEL - Remove existing concrete and replace with new on grade concrete garage approach	08/16/2024
4.	Keller Real Estate LLC	127 Mallard Beach Dr. 22A	DWEL - Construct 77'7" x 39'5" x 32'11" dwelling with attached garage	08/19/2024
5.	Zinnel, Daniel & Kathryn	56 Lakeview Acres Dr. 16A	SWAF - Install 2'W x 22'L On-grade feature, 5'W x 11'L Access	08/20/2024 \$50.00
6.	Warren, Jeffrey	30 Mallard Cove Dr. 19B	SWAF - Install 4'W x 6'L Shorestation	08/20/2024 \$50.00
7.	Houseman, Eric & Latisha	46 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Construct 30' x 50' x 19'4" tall building with on grade concrete approach	08/21/2024
8.	North Cove Area Association	NE1/4 30-9N-R22	Permit to Construct - Updating entrance sign	08/26/2024
9.	Nelson, Bryan	25 Kirby Point Dr. 2	SWAF - Construct 4'W x 44'L Access to the Shoreline	08/27/2024 \$50.00
10.	Mallard Beach LLC	144 Mallard Beach	VEG - Planting trees	09/01/2024
11.	Lans, Lynn & Janice	5 Bass Bay Dr 16	DWEL - Construct new 122" x 146" x 117" tall pre-built wooden storage shed	09/06/2024
12.	Montoya, Anthony	10 Lane One Dr 28	DWEL - Place new 10' x 16' x 12' tall pre-built wooden storage shed	09/09/2024
13.	Fagot, Clayton & Kasi	131 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14D	SWAF - Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation, 5'W x 13'L Jet-Ski Lift, 5'W x 20'L Dock, 3'W x 10'L Gangway	09/09/2024 \$50.00
14.	Lans, Lynn & Janice	5 Bass Bay Dr 16	SWAF - Construct 46FT on-grade patio	09/09/2024 \$50.00

15.	Bricker, Bruce & Betty	31 Sandy Point Dr. 24A	SWAF - Install 12'W x 24' L Shorestation, 12'W x 8'L Swim Platform, 4'W x 48'L Dock, 4'W x 12'L Access	09/09/2024 \$50.00
16.	Nest Investments LLC	10 East Shore Dr. 1B	DWEL - Construct replacement fence	09/10/2024
17.	Divis, Brian & Marie	42 Mallard Cove Dr. 19B	DWEL - Construct 10' x 15' on grade paver sidewalk/patio	09/16/2024
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/27/2024 – Jeffrey Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
18.	Kentfield, Dennis & Lisa	65 S lakeview Rd	SWAF - Install 3'W x 30'L Access, 8'W x 6'L Dock Anchor Pad	09/18/2024 \$50.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/27/2024 – Lake McConaughy				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
19.	Key, Richard & Gaye	59 K-1 Rd	DWEL - Install an expansion of existing septic absorption system	08/20/2024
20.	Schilz, Dennis & Susan	9 K-3 Rd	DWEL - Drill a new domestic well	09/16/2024
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/27/2024 – Midway Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
21.	Midway Wildlife & Recreation Club	NW1/4SE1/4 Sec 3-9-24	Permit to Construct - Construct drainage system	9/16/2024
22.	Midway Wildlife & Recreation Club	66 Cedar Point	Permit to Construct - Construct drainage system	9/16/2024 \$100.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/27/2024 – Plum Creek				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
23.	Wolf, Kurt & Rita	Lot 4 Plum Paradise Estates Sub	ECS - Upland Erosions Control - Rip Rap above the Ordinary High Water Mark	08/20/2024
24.	Gegenbach, Brent & Kelly	1 Plum Creek Canyon Dr. 12C	VEG - Removal of Trees	08/20/2024 \$200.00 Adjacent Landowner
25.	BJ Keller Ltd	12 Plum Creek Canyon Drive 12I	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 75.00 linear feet of the shoreline.	08/27/2024
26.	Wright, Gary & Nancy	1 Plum Creek Canyon Dr 12A	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 100.00 linear feet of the shoreline	09/05/2024
27.	Small, Michael & Lisa	9 Plum Creek Canyon Drive 12I	ECS - Construct 4'H x 30'L Retaining wall	09/17/2024

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: None.

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

- a. Supplemental Work Order No. 107480-2024 – Gothenburg Pickups (\$362,273.00)

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR CONTRACT 0-731 (GROUP 24-7 & 24-8): Haley Munson presented a change order in the amount of \$135,510.00 for the purchase of additional pickups at a reduced price from Pony Express Chevrolet that were over ordered and then received hail damage that was subsequently repaired. Cory Steinke discussed the opportunity to purchase these pickups at a reduced price to replace one pickup that was deemed a total loss in the hailstorm and reduce the quantity of pickup purchases planned for the 2025 budget.

2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Cory Steinke presented Amendment #10 to the 2024 Budget as follows:

<u>HYDRO DIVISION</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Capital</u>			
Four Pickups – Gothenburg	\$230,000	\$360,100	\$130,100

2025 MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT RENEWAL: Rochelle Jurgens reported on a 3% premium increase to the retirees’ Medicare supplement plan renewal from \$222.65 to \$229.33 for 2025.

BID TAB (GROUP 24-15) – CHEMICAL STORAGE BUILDING: Scott Dicke reported on three bids received from TL Sund (\$502,400.00), Gingerich (\$401,100.00) and World Wide Steel Buildings (\$106,870.00). The bid from World Wide Steel Buildings did not meet specs as it was for the construction materials only, and did not include concrete work or labor to erect the building. Staff will recommend accepting the bid from Gingerich in the amount of \$401,100.00 for the construction of a wood frame building with a heated floor.

Director Boyle joined the meeting via Zoom at 9:18 a.m.

BID TAB (GROUP 24-16) – FURNISH AND DELIVER ONE DIESEL POWERED MOBILE CUTTER SUCTION DREDGE: Cory Steinke and Jeremy Hendricks discussed the improvements and efficiencies in new dredges. The three bids received from VMI Inc. (\$1,722,540.88), Ellicott Dredges, LLC (\$1,115,850.00), and Custom Dredge Works were reviewed. The bid from Custom Dredge Works did not meet specifications and was rejected. Staff will recommend accepting the bid from VMI Inc. in the amount of \$1,722,540.88 for a 2025 VMI Titan dredge with 1,500 feet of 12” floating HDPE pipe and accessories.

Director Boyle left the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

PROPOSALS FOR HEAVY HAUL SEMI-TRACTOR: Cory Steinke and Jeremy Hendricks reported they sought proposals from several dealers and searched online for used semi-tractors. Staff will recommend purchasing a 2025 Kenworth from CSM-Sahling Kenworth that meets the District’s specifications for a total price of \$202,365.00.

WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE (9/25/24): Director Knoerzer provided a summary of the Water Services Committee meeting minutes and noted the committee voted to recommend Board approval of a 2.5% increase to the irrigation rates for the 2025 season. The committee also voted to recommend Board approval of an irrigation delivery beginning date of June 9, 2025 and an ending date of August 31, 2025.

A break was taken at 10:10 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:28 a.m.

WATER RATE FOR COOLING OR OTHER POWER PURPOSES: Cory Steinke explained the water service rate for cooling or other power purposes is to be reviewed annually pursuant to the policy established by the board on October 4, 2021. Steinke reviewed the rate structure with the board and the process for making any changes. Staff is recommending no change to the water service rate for cooling or other power purposes for 2025. No board action is required unless changes are desired.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Devin Brundage reported Mike Drain continues working with the consultants to evaluate options to repair the facing of the dam. An ad hoc committee will be formed later in this meeting to help develop recommendations to the board for critical repair options.

ELWOOD SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECTS: The new substantial completion date for the project was extended from September 14, 2024 to October 2, 2024. The contractor is currently being assessed \$2,000/day in damages pursuant to the contract for not meeting the substantial completion date.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT & PIPE SELECTION COMMITTEE (9/12/24): The Pipe Selection Committee met on September 12, 2024 to look at pipe materials for the E-65 Siphon Project. Dicke would like to select the pipe material in November so the engineering design work can continue. The field surveys have been completed and no permitting issues were found. Dicke contacted some contractors to inquire about their experience installing steel and/or HDPE pipe. A WaterSmart grant is being finalized for submittal to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

JEFFREY HYDRO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): Devin Brundage stated there were a handful of respondents who submitted a letter of intent in response to the RFP. The RFPs are due on October 1, 2024.

2024 LOAD AND CAPABILITY REPORT FROM NPA: Devin Brundage displayed selected slides from the Load and Capability Report that was presented during the recent NPA meeting.

Director S. Olson exited the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported on his weekly attendance at NPA’s legislative subcommittee meetings. He is attempting to arrange a tour of the South Platte Reservoir and Canal for members of the media and following the general election, he will reach out to new senators to offer the same. He continues planning for the NSIA/NWRA Annual Conference in Kearney later this fall.

BOARD COMMENTS: Director David Nelson recently toured a hydroplant in Durango, CO that was built in 1905 and is still operating. Director Dahlgren would like to make the District’s financial records easily accessible by the public.

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

PERSONNEL: None.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Geoff Bogle	NHA – Clean Currents	Portland, OR	October 6-11, 2024
Kyle Shepherd	NHA – Clean Currents	Portland, OR	October 6-11, 2024
Dave Zorn	NHA – Clean Currents	Portland, OR	October 6-11, 2024
Anton Hasebrook	NHA – Clean Currents	Portland, OR	October 6-11, 2024
Mike Drain	NHA – Clean Currents	Portland, OR	October 6-11, 2024
Mike Drain	FERC Hydrologic Hazard Analysis Training	Denver, CO	October 15-16, 2024
McKinley Harm	FERC Hydrologic Hazard Analysis Training	Denver, CO	October 15-16, 2024
Devin Brundage	MHUG 2024 Fall Conference	Wausau, WI	October 22-23, 2024

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

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT – AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Board President Rowe appointed Knoerzer, S. Olson, Shepherd, Soneson, and himself to this committee which will be referred to as the Kingsley Dam Refacing Project Committee.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS: The Kingsley Dam Refacing Project Committee will meet with RJH in late October.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

- a. Cory Steinke reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,230.2, 882,000 acre-feet, and 50.5% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are around 1,800 cfs and releases are around 350 cfs. While the hydros are in an outage near the end of October, crews will perform some maintenance around the shoreline at Johnson Lake. Construction of the Hog Farm bridge has commenced. He expects to receive the approved 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers soon for the Diversion Dam.
- b. Jeremy Hendricks assisted with diving inspections at Kingsley Dam and the Diversion Dam this week and no major issues were identified.
- c. Haley Munson announced the fall apparel catalog will be available online on Monday.
- d. Scott Dicke displayed a photo of a Western Milk Snake found by an employee working near Smithfield earlier this week. Crews are working on maintenance at the Waterfowl Production Areas and preparing for canal lining projects. He participated in a Leadership Nebraska session which included a tour of Lake McConaughy and Kingsley Hydro last week.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens reported irrigation invoices are being processed and thanked Dusty Way for his assistance in reviewing them. She started working on the 2025 budgeting process and she will present more information at the October 25, 2024 Working Meeting of the Board. The Employee Advisory Committee will meet next week to review employee benefits. On October 16, 2024, retirement advisors will be here to meet with employees and offer education. She attended the APPA conference earlier this month and learned more about bond financing. Jurgens asked Meredith Pierce to provide education at a future meeting about why some items the District buys are tax exempt and others are not.
- f. Alex Linden conducted his final tour of the season earlier this week with a group from Brazil.
- g. Eric Hixson reported on the cyber security audit conducted on-site by FERC earlier this month. He displayed photos of repairs made to a tile drain at J-2. The Kingsley Dam exciter upgrade was installed and tested this week. A successful blackstart test was conducted at Kingsley yesterday.
- h. Dusty Way stated the E-65 siphon has been drained to allow for an inspection next week.
- i. Steve Osterbuhr reported on efforts to remove trees and shape canal banks near Smithfield to prepare for the canal lining project.
- j. Devin Brundage reported on behalf of Mike Drain that Mead & Hunt proposed a contract amendment to cover work necessary to respond to FERC's latest comments on the

Kingsley Inflow Design Flood study. The contract amendment will be placed on the October 7, 2024 Regular Business Meeting agenda. He assisted with Leadership Nebraska's tour at Lake McConaughy and attended two recent meetings with the Central District Water Users, the PRRIP Governance Committee meeting last week, and the NARD conference this week. He distributed a handout from the Power Review Board that contains all Chapter 70 statutes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.



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The following Directors were present:

David L. Rowe, President	Tim Boyle	David G. Nelson
William E. Knoerzer, Secretary	Robert B. Dahlgren	Dudley L. Nelson
K. Scott Olson, Treasurer	Martin E. Mueller*	Roger D. Olson
		Brent Soneson

*\*participated via Zoom*

The following Directors were absent: Geoffrey K. Bogle and Kyle Shepherd

Also present were the following:

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

Others present were:

Gary Robison	Dave Ford
John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD	

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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: John Thorburn reported on Tri-Basin’s participation in Husker Harvest Days, the Rainwater Basin Conservation Day, and a land judging contest in Kearney County. Tri-Basin staff are recording observation well levels and a hearing was held in eastern Kearney County regarding flow meter requirements and limitations on transfers within the Little Blue Basin.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the September 27, 2024 Working 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 Consent Agenda was presented:

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held September 3, 2024**

- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held September 27, 2024**

- **Approval of the October Disbursements:**

Hydro Division:

Check # 71984-VOID; Check #s 73422 through 73637 & 8901458 through 8901486 (Accounts Payable)	\$1,947,757.67
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Payroll	\$604,820.15
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Kingsley Division:

Check #s 3694 through 3703 (Accounts Payable)	\$138,214.63
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Glendo Division:

NONE	\$NONE
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- **Approval of the 2025 Medicare Supplement Renewal Rate of \$229.33**

- **Approval of Bid (Group 24-15) from Gingerich for the Chemical Storage Building in the amount of \$401,100.00**

- **Approval of Bid (Group 24-16) from VMI Inc. for a 2024 VMI Titan Diesel Powered Mobile Cutter Suction Dredge with 1,500' of 12" Floating HDPE Pipe and Accessories in the amount of \$1,722,540.88**

- **Approval of Proposal from CSM-Sahling Kenworth for a 2025 Kenworth Semi-Tractor in the amount of \$202,365.00**

- **Approval of a 2.5% Increase to the Irrigation Rates for 2025 as follows:**

Incremental Pricing Program, 9" base fee	\$43.86	per acre
IPP Acre-inch fee from 9" to 18" of use	\$ 1.53	per acre inch
Non IPP rate 12" contracts	\$48.45	per acre
Non IPP rate 18" contracts	\$57.63	per acre
Over 18" rate	\$57.63	per acre foot

- **Approval of the 2025 Irrigation Schedule Starting the Week of June 9, 2025 and Ending the Week of August 31, 2025**

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

2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Rochelle Jurgens presented Amendment #10 to the 2024 Budget as follows:

<u>HYDRO DIVISION</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Capital</u>			
Pickups – Gothenburg	\$230,000	\$320,100	\$90,100
Excavator Bucket – DR17	\$0	\$6,700	\$6,700

**It was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director Knoerzer to approve Amendment #10 to the 2024 Budget as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent were: Bogle and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

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

- a. Work Order No. 107494 – Purchase CAT Excavator Bucket for DR17 (\$6,700.00)

**It was moved by Director Mueller and seconded by Director R. Olson to approve Work Order No. 107494 for the Purchase of a CAT Excavator Bucket in the amount of \$6,700.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent were: Bogle and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET PICKUPS: Haley Munson presented the following items:

- a. Supplemental Work Order No. 107480-2024 – Gothenburg Pickups (\$309,692.00)
- b. Contract Change Order No. 1, Contract 0-731 (Groups 24-7 & 24-8) with Pony Express Chevrolet (\$91,010.00)
- c. Progress Estimate No. 5 (Final), Contract No. 0-731, Pony Express Chevrolet (\$91,010.00)

**It was moved by Director David Nelson and seconded by Director Soneson to approve Supplemental Work Order No. 107480-2024 in the amount of \$309,692.00, Contract Change Order No. 1 for Contract 0-731 totaling \$91,010.00, and Progress Estimate No. 5 (Final) for Contract No. 0-731 with Pony Express Chevrolet in the amount of \$91,010.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent were: Bogle and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

AMENDMENT NO. 16 TO CONTRACT WITH MEAD & HUNT FOR KINGSLEY DAM PROBABLE MAXIMUM FLOOD (PMF) STUDY: It was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director Soneson to approve Amendment No. 16 to the contract with Mead & Hunt for the Kingsley Dam PMF Study in the amount of \$45,800.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent were: Bogle and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

WATER RATE FOR COOLING OR OTHER POWER PURPOSES: Devin Brundage reminded the directors the water service rate for cooling or other power purposes is to be reviewed annually pursuant to the policy established by the board on October 4, 2021. No board action is required unless a change is desired.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL UPDATE: Rochelle Jurgens provided an overview of the October disbursement totals, hydro generation projections, and expenses of the District. She reminded directors that the monthly financial report is available on the board website and Emily Anderson provides a link to the report by e-mail. Any director wishing to receive a paper copy of a monthly report should contact her.

JEFFREY HYDRO REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs): Devin Brundage reviewed the Energy-Irrigation Division revenues, expenditures, and potential power purchase agreement concepts. More discussions were held in Closed Session.

**At 9:34 AM it was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to enter Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent were: Bogle and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Rowe announced the reason for entering into Closed Session was for the discussion of the Jeffrey Hydro Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for purposes of contract negotiations and to receive legal advice.**

### C L O S E D S E S S I O N

**At 9:45 AM it was moved by Director S. Olson and seconded by Director Soneson to exit Closed Session to reconvene in Regular Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent were: Bogle and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Rowe stated the discussion held in Closed Session was limited to contract negotiations related to the Jeffrey Hydro RFPs.**

A break was taken at 9:45 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:52 a.m.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden had nothing new to report.

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. Nebraska Wind & Solar - October 22-23, 2024, Lincoln
- b. Nebraska Dam Owner Workshop by NDNR – October 24, 2024, North Platte
- c. Nebraska Power Association Annual Conference - October 29-30, 2024, Kearney
- d. NSIA/NWRA Joint Annual Conference – November 25-26, 2024, Kearney
- e. Four State Irrigation Council Annual Meeting – January 29-30, 2025, Thornton, CO

PERSONNEL: None.

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

BOARD COMMENTS: Director Boyle discussed an article he recently read about Texas attempting to join the Southwest Power Pool. Director David Nelson would like to hold a fish fry at an upcoming Working Meeting. Director Boyle investigated the cost of fish and suggested doing it next spring when prices would likely be lower.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues to work on various agreements and lease matters. He reviewed the sales tax statutes with Meredith Pierce who will present her findings during management reports.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Alex Linden will make a presentation to the Nebraska LEAD program tomorrow. Cory Steinke and he will provide a tour of the Diversion Dam to a group of Nebraska Game and Parks Commission conference attendees.
- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,231.5, 908,300 acre feet and 52% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 1,350 cfs and outflows are around 200 cfs. A period of hydrocycling will occur from October 17 through November 10, 2024 causing fluctuations in the water elevations at Johnson Lake. Johnson Lake will be lowered beginning October 22, 2024 to prepare for a maintenance outage of the J-1 and J-2 hydros on October 28, 2024. Another drawdown will likely occur later in the year to allow for some shoreline work.
- c. Cory Steinke told the board he is planning a large drawdown of Johnson Lake in December to conduct work in the lakebed on the east side of Johnson Lake. The elevation would be lowered to 2,610' which is approximately a 9' drawdown that would last between 4-6 weeks. He will be meeting with an individual who is potentially interested in purchasing dredged sand from the Diversion Dam. He is investigating the purchase of a tar machine that could be used on a variety of District structures.
- d. Scott Dicke reported on repairs to pipelines and extending the Johnson WPA pipeline. Bids for the Axtell canal lining project were received and are being reviewed. He expects the Elwood Dam Seepage Project to be complete by the end of this week and then the contractor will seed the area to grass.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens is working with management on the 2025 budget and she will present the preliminary highlights at the October 25, 2024 Working Meeting. The Employee Advisory Committee met with management last week to review and discuss wages, CPI data and benefits packages.
- f. Meredith Pierce presented a summary of the Nebraska Department of Revenue regulations and statutes pertaining to sales tax and when it applies to District purchases.
- g. Eric Hixson had nothing new to report.
- h. Devin Brundage reported on a PRRIP meeting last week. He reminded directors about the presentation about the Kingsley Dam repairs for the NSIA/NWRA Joint Conference in November.

**ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director R. Olson to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 10:27 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent were: Bogle and Shepherd. 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