

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA  
DECEMBER 20, 2024 at 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 December 16, 2024, and through legal publication in the Holiday Daily Citizen on December 16, 2024, the Kearney Hub and North Platte Telegraph on December 17, 2024, and the Lexington Clipper-Herald on December 14, 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 notice giving the time, date, and place of this meeting was mailed to each Director on December 10, 2024.

The following Directors were present:

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

*\*via Zoom*

The following Directors were absent: David G. Nelson and Kyle Shepherd

Also present were the following:

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

Others:

Carson Messersmith	Gary Robison
Bryant Knoerzer	Robin Hinrichs
Nancy Garrelts	Matt Wells

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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 President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

WORK ORDER NO. 107501 – REPLACE BACKUP DIESEL GENERATOR AT GOTHENBURG CONTROL CENTER (\$109,492.00): It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Boyle to approve Work Order No. 107501 to replace the backup diesel generator at the Gothenburg

control center in the amount of \$109,492.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent were: David Nelson and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

RESOLUTION NOS. 24-01, 24-02, 24-03, & 24-04 APPRECIATION OF DIRECTORS DAHLGREN, KNOERZER, MUELLER, AND S. OLSON): It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Soneson to approve Resolution Nos. 24-01, 24-02, 24-03, and 24-04 to express appreciation and recognition of service of the outgoing directors Robert B. Dahlgren, William E. Knoerzer, Martin E. Mueller, and K. Scott Olson. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent were: David Nelson and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board at 9:07 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Dahlgren, Knoerzer, Mueller, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, S. Olson, Rowe, and Soneson. Absent were: David Nelson and Shepherd. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

MINUTES OF WORKING MEETING OF THE  
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A postcard was mailed to each Director on December 10, 2024 giving the time, date, and place of this meeting.

The following Directors were present:

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	Martin E. Mueller*	

*\*via Zoom*

The following Directors were absent: David G. Nelson and Kyle Shepherd

Also present were the following:

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

Others:

Carson Messersmith	Gary Robison
Bryant Knoerzer	Robin Hinrichs
Nancy Garrelts	Matt Wells

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At 9:08 a.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: Gary Robison inquired about the calculation of labor costs on work orders. Rochelle Jurgens stated she will provide education to the incoming directors about how the District develops work orders, purchase requisitions, etc.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: There were four consents at Johnson Lake in December, 2024.

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

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager 12/20/2024				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
1.	Trailblazer Pipeline, LLC	CO2 Section 36-7-16, Section 1-6-16, Section 12-6-16, Section 13-6-16	Survey, construct, maintain, inspect, test, operate, and repair one pipeline, and all related equipment and appurtenances, below ground, necessary for the transportation of carbon dioxide and any associated substances, products, derivatives, combinations, or mixtures thereof, including alternating current mitigation, cathodic protection equipment, no more than one buried fiber optic communication line for the pipeline, and buried electric lines.	11/04/2024 \$13,800.00
2.	Charter Communications	NE1/4 5-8-22	Relocation of communication lines that were attached to electrical distribution poles ranging from lots 22 through 46 East Shore, Johnson Lake. Television, internet, and communication cables will be installed underground. Features include conduit with fiber and coax cables, cabinets, vaults, and pedestals.	11/27/2024 \$1,125.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 12/20/2024 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
3.	Olesen, John & Debra	17 Mallard Beach Dr. 20	SWAF - Install 4'W x 16'L Dock, 12'W x 12'L Shorestation	08/02/2024 \$50.00
4.	Hempel, Jennifer	1 Mallard Beach Dr. 19B	SWAF - Remove and replace middle section of concrete 20'6"L x 10'6"W	11/11/2024 \$50.00
5.	Mooberry, Thomas	3 South Crappie Corner Dr. 3	SWAF - Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation, 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform, 8'W x 6'L Dock Anchor Pad	11/11/2024 \$50.00
6.	McConnell, David	31 Mallard Cove Dr. 19B	DWEL ATF - Approval for required relocation a non-permitted previously placed propane tank	11/18/2024 \$1000.00

7.	Second Chance Cabin	2 North Point Dr. 13	DWEL - Replace existing patio with new enlarged covered patio	11/19/2024
8.	Kittle, Douglas & Stephani	45 North Shore Dr. 8	SWAF - Install 4'W x 80'L Dock, 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform	11/19/2024 \$50.00
9.	Hempel, Jennifer	1 Mallard Beach Dr. 19B	ECS - Construct 44'L x 2'6"T x 1'W Retaining Wall	11/20/2024
10.	Ordway, Derek & Jennifer	36 North Shore Dr. 8	SWAF - Install 4'W x 72'L Dock, 6'W x 9'L Jet-Ski Lift, 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform	11/20/2024 \$50.00
11.	Sund, Travis	51 Mallard Beach Dr. 21	ATF Variance - Installation of on-grade landscape grass turf in variance of grass sod	11/21/2024 \$300.00
12.	Case, Todd & Carolyn	13 East Shore Dr. 1B	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 47.00	11/24/2024
13.	Gleason, Mary & Post, Doran	4 Dry Bay Dr. 15	DWEL ATF - After the face permit approval for previously constructed split 2-rail fence	11/27/2024 \$100.00
14.	Heim, Joseph & Katherine	40 Bass Bay Dr. 16	VEG - Plant tree	12/16/2024
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 12/20/2024 – Lake McConaughy				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
15.	Han, Mark & Brenda	66 K-1 Rd	DWEL - Install a shared well	11/13/2024
16.	Schow, Kyle & Cheryl	9 K-3 Rd	DWEL - Place new standby propane powered generator to the east of an existing propane tank	11/19/2024

**WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS:** Scott Dicke presented the following:

<u>System</u>	<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Legal Desc.</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Contr. Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres Chg'd</u>
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**Water Service Agreement:**

Phelps	6161306(1)	NW1/4 13-6-16	Donna Bamford	15	-51
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*\*Re-sign 15 Acres*

- (1) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2025 irrigation season accompanies new WSA.
- (2) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2025 irrigation season to accompany existing WSA.
- (3) Water Service Agreement terminated after 2024, 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 2024.
- (6) Water Service Agreement activation date being when CWS permit is issued by the NeDNR.

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

- a. Purchase Requisition No. 26156 – FNIC for 2025 Insurance (\$341,251.00)

**PROGRESS ESTIMATE NO. 1 (FINAL) – CLEAN AIR AND WATER SYSTEMS, INC. FOR CANAL LINING PROJECTS (\$525,344.53):** Scott Dicke presented photos showing the progress and completion of various canal lining projects near Smithfield, Loomis and Axtell and repairs to underdrains on the Phelps Canal. Haley Munson reported the projects have been inspected and the work was found to be satisfactory. Staff recommended final payment and closure of the contract.

CORRECTION TO DISTRICT POLICY BRD-10 (BOARD-GENERAL COUNSEL RELATIONSHIP):

Devin Brundage reported on an error that was identified in the recently adopted BRD-10 policy. He presented the corrected version that updates the final sentence in the policy from “General Counsel is a personal attorney to individual Directors, officers, or employees of the District” to “General Counsel is not a personal attorney to individual Directors, officers, or employees of the District.”

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF 12/4/24: Mike Drain provided a summary of the Land and Recreation Committee meeting minutes and noted the committee voted to recommend Board approval of the following items:

- a. Application for Variance – 4 Dry Bay, Johnson Lake: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of the after-the-fact variance for the customer of 4 Dry Bay at Johnson Lake for the fence constructed within the roadway construction setback, subject to approval by the county or is otherwise not precluded by county requirements, and the District’s after-the-fact permitting process and fees.
- b. Rocky Peterson Land Appraisal and Negotiations: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of authorizing staff to pursue the acquisition of the property located in northeastern Gosper County along the south portion of the Platte River.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain stated the studies to perform modeling and wave/wind data collection will take approximately one year.

ELWOOD SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECT: Scott Dicke presented photos of the completed project. A contract amendment with RJH totaling \$156,000 was presented. The amendment will allow for the additional time required and work performed in completing the project. Some costs will be offset in liquidated damages as of the contract with BSB based on the delayed substantial completion date. It will also allow for the completion of a maintenance plan and quality assurance testing.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Scott Dicke reported he will meet with various contractors mid-January who have experience with installing a minimum of 78” steel or HDPE pipe. He continues conversations with affected landowners about easements.

A break was taken at 10:04 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:23 a.m.

JEFFREY HYDRO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Devin Brundage reported a draft power purchase agreement is being reviewed by the selected party and legal counsel.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden stated the 90-day legislative session will begin on January 8, 2025. He will participate in a field trip to NPPD’s Sheldon Station to provide education to senators about public power. A luncheon is scheduled at the Governor’s mansion in January to present information about the Perkins County Canal. Following a recent meeting with the Governor’s Policy Research office, Linden reported on the Governor’s ongoing support for the Perkins County Canal project. He will follow all bills related to District operations and public power. Governor Pillen intends to combine the offices of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Energy and Environment and he plans to assemble a Water Task Force comprised of 15-18 members appointed by him.

BOARD COMMENTS: Director Dudley Nelson thanked President Rowe for his leadership over the past 6 years and commended the outgoing directors and officers for their service to the District.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues conversations with ATC’s legal counsel regarding the damaged underground pipeline. He attended the Land and Recreation Committee meeting on December 4, 2024 to participate in discussions about drafts of land administration policies. He continues to review leases and agreements and communicating with an irrigation customer about an unpaid bill.



MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Cory Steinke reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,235.4, 989,400 acre feet and 56.8% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 950 cfs and outflows are 275 cfs. Of the outflows, 25 cfs is being released in the North Platte River and the remaining 250 cfs is being taken by NPPD's Keystone canal to meet Central's FERC minimum diversion requirements. District staff have been working with MEAN to adjust generation schedules and flows from the river to maximize benefits. He announced Al Jensen and Scott Wolf retired this week with a combined 50-years of service between them. An agreement was reached with PRRIP to put excess flows into Cottonwood Ranch for recharge. He reported on flex couplings the District will acquire for the new dredge. He presented photos of the work being done in the lakebed at Johnson Lake to facilitate the construction of a new jetty at Medo's and removal of the dock and boat ramp in the outlet canal. The buoy line will be moved closer to the lake to improve safety from watercraft entering the canal system.
- b. Mike Drain completed and filed several annual reports with FERC. Several trees were removed from the toe of the dam and abutments at Johnson Lake as requested by FERC.

Director Soneson exited the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

- c. Scott Dicke reported on excess flow recharge that is approaching 20,000-acre feet in 2024. He plans to seek applications for an Equipment Operator position in January. Irrigation letters will be mailed soon and will include a notification about the 2025 Water Leasing Program with PRRIP.
- d. Rochelle Jurgens and the accounting department have been busy processing irrigation payments and conducting various year-end activities. She assisted with an employee's long-term disability application and has met with several employees who are preparing to retire in the coming months.
- e. Alex Linden announced that the Kingsley and J-2 Eagle Viewing facilities will open on December 28, 2024 and be open every weekend through February. He noted the addition of the live feed Eagle Cam on the District's website. Once LRE Water completes the Colors of Water tool, a link will be placed on the District's website.
- f. Eric Hixson has been working on annual year-end compliance reports for FERC and NERC, negotiating with the organization selected to contract with for a Jeffrey power purchase agreement, and interviewing candidates for a System Control Operator position in Gothenburg.
- g. Haley Munson has several bid notices and RFPs being publicized soon for various projects.
- h. Anton Hassebrook reported on the installation of the dissolved gas monitor at Kingsley Hydro and a new potential transformer installation on the transmission line from J-2 to Holdrege.
- i. Devin Brundage attended the PRRIP Governance Committee meeting in Sterling, CO last week where the final report of the North Platte Chokepoint Study dated November 25, 2024 was presented. The full study will be made available on the board website. He attended the NREA conference earlier this month, conducted a new director orientation with other management staff and legal counsel on December 9, 2024, and reported on a public meeting about DG Fuels on December 17, 2024. He was featured as a guest speaker on Rembolt Ludtke's "93-The Podcast" where he spoke about the history of Kingsley Dam and Lake McConaughy, how Central generates power for Nebraska, and the critical role Central plays in irrigation for Nebraska farmers.

PERSONNEL: None.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: None.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Four State Irrigation Council Annual Meeting – January 29-30, 2025, Thornton, CO
- b. 2025 Water and Natural Resources Tour – February 3-7, 2025, Phoenix, AZ

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Legislative Reception – January 21, 2025, Lincoln

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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Geoffrey K. Bogle	David G. Nelson	David L. Rowe
Tim Boyle	Dudley L. Nelson	Kyle Shepherd
Tom Jasnoch	Gary Robison	Brent Soneson
Bryant Knoerzer		Matt Wells

The following Director was absent: Roger D. Olson

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
Scott Dicke, Irrigation Division Manager	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others present were:

John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD	Nolan Little, Tri-Basin NRD
Richard Waller	Joe Bilka
Reed McClymont	Carson Messersmith

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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 the Tri-Basin NRD board amended their Bylaws and changed their meeting date to the third Wednesday of each month. Many irrigators have enrolled in their Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Program. He thanked Alex Linden for helping organize the upcoming South Central Water Conference on January 23, 2025 at the Phelps County Ag Center.

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED DIRECTORS: Charles Brewster led newly elected directors, Tom Jasnoch, Bryant Knoerzer, Gary Robison, and Matt Wells in reciting their Oaths of Office. The bonds and notarized oaths of office for the new directors will be mailed to the Secretary of State's office

upon obtaining the bond certificates from the insurance agency. Once received by the Office of the Secretary of State, they will remain on official file as a matter of public record.

**It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Soneson to approve the Qualifications of Elected Directors for Tom Jasnoch, Bryant Knoerzer, Gary Robison, and Matt Wells. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

**APPOINTMENT OF TELLER: It was moved by Director Shepherd and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to appoint Charles Brewster as Teller for the election of officers. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: It was moved by Director Shepherd and seconded by Director Bogle to appoint Devin Brundage as Temporary Chairman during the election of officers. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

- a. **President:** Secret ballots for nomination of President were cast and tallied. Those nominated for President included Directors Shepherd and Soneson. Secret ballots for the election of President were cast and tallied with Kyle Shepherd receiving the most votes.
- b. **Vice President:** Secret ballots for nomination of Vice President were cast and tallied. Those nominated for Vice President included Directors Rowe and Soneson. Secret ballots for the election of Vice President were cast and tallied with Brent Soneson receiving the most votes.
- c. **Secretary:** Secret ballots for nomination of Secretary were cast and tallied. Those nominated for Secretary included Directors Boyle and Dudley Nelson. Secret ballots for the election of Secretary were cast and tallied with Tim Boyle receiving the most votes.
- d. **Treasurer:** Secret ballots for nomination of Treasurer were cast and tallied. Those nominated for Treasurer included Directors David Nelson, Dudley Nelson and Rowe. Secret ballots for the election of Treasurer were cast and tallied with Dudley Nelson receiving the most votes.

A break was taken at 9:31 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:37 a.m. with the new officers assuming the roles for which they were elected.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER: It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to reappoint Rochelle A. Jurgens as Assistant Treasurer. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY: It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director Knoerzer to reappoint Emily J. Anderson as Assistant Secretary. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CHECKS – CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION NO. 25-01: It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Soneson to approve Resolution No. 25-01 – Corporate Authorization with the following individuals authorized to sign District checks:**

**Dudley L. Nelson, Treasurer**  
**Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller**  
**Meredith D. Pierce, Assistant Controller**

Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Devin Brundage provided the new directors a brief explanation of the responsibilities of each committee and instructed directors to contact President Shepherd if they wished to be appointed to a particular committee. The assignments will be announced later.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the December 20, 2024 Working Meeting of the Board.

The Board President asked the Directors if there were any 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 December 2, 2024**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Directors held December 20, 2024**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held December 20, 2024**
- **Approval of the January Disbursements:**

Hydro Division:

Check # 73896-VOID; Check #s 74052 through 74230 & 8901545 through 8901575 (Accounts Payable) \$2,085,807.88

Payroll \$690,195.60

Kingsley Division:

Check #s 3719 through 3731 (Accounts Payable) \$91,054.14

Glendo Division:

NONE \$NONE

- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 26156 – FNIC for 2025 Insurance in the amount of (\$341,251.00)**
- **Approval of the following Water Service Agreement:**

<u>System</u>	<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Legal Desc.</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Contr. Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres Chg'd</u>
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Water Service Agreement:

Phelps	6161306(1)	NW1/4 13-6-16 *Re-sign 15 Acres	Donna Bamford	15	-51
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(1) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2025 irrigation season accompanies new WSA.

- **Approval of Progress Estimate No. 1 (Final), Clean Air and Water Systems, Inc. for Canal Lining (\$525,344.53)**
- **Approval of an after-the-fact variance for the customer of 4 Dry Bay at Johnson Lake for the fence constructed within the roadway construction setback, subject to approval by the county or is otherwise not precluded by county requirements, and the District’s after-the-fact permitting process and fees**

- Approval to authorize staff to pursue the acquisition of the Rocky Peterson property located in northeastern Gosper County along the south portion of the Platte River
- Approval of the Proposal from RJH Consultants, Inc. for Additional Construction Services for the Elwood Dam Seepage Mitigation Project in the amount of \$156,000.00

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

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

- a. Purchase Requisition No. 24963 – GPS System Upgrade (\$55,360.00)
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 27355 – Insurance (\$342,046.65)
- c. Work Order No. 107493 – GPS System Upgrade (\$57,020.80)
- d. Work Order No. 186451 – CAT 330 Excavator (\$397,838.00)
- e. Work Order No. 186452 – Hydrovac Ditch Witch (\$72,100.00)
- f. Work Order No. 186453 – Forklift (\$51,500.00)

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

2025 LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – KLEIN, BREWSTER, BRANDT & MESSERSMITH: Charles Brewster reported on the changes to the contract for 2025. Additional discussions were held in Closed Session.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION AND WORK ORDER NO. 107502: This was discussed in Closed Session.

JEFFREY HYDRO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT: This was discussed in Closed Session.

At 9:58 AM it was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Jasnoch to enter Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Shepherd announced the reason for entering into Closed Session is for the discussion of the following agenda items: 2025 Legal Services Agreement with Klein, Brewster, Brandt & Messersmith; Real Estate Transaction and Work Order No. 107502; and Jeffrey Hydro Power Purchase Agreement. The reason for entering into Closed Session is for the discussion of contract and real estate negotiations and to receive legal advice.

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

At 10:26 AM it was moved by Director Boyle and seconded by Director Soneson to exit Closed Session to reconvene in Regular Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Shepherd stated the discussions held in Closed Session were limited to the agenda items named above.

2025 LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – KLEIN, BREWSTER, BRANDT & MESSERSMITH: It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Knoerzer to approve the Legal Services Agreement for 2025 with Klein, Brewster, Brandt & Messersmith as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David

Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION, AGRICULTURAL LEASE AND WORK ORDER NO. 107502: It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Boyle to approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the District and Rocky A. and DeAnne M. Peterson, the Agricultural Lease with Peterson & Sons, and Work Order No. 107502 for the Rocky Peterson Land Purchase in the amount of \$313,635.00 as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

JEFFREY HYDRO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Cory Steinke commented on changes to the District's hydropower generation scheduling to maximize revenue and as part of the requirements of Central's new wholesale energy contracts. This will result in additional or varying water level fluctuations at both Jeffrey Reservoir and Johnson Lake as Central works to best meet the power demands of its wholesale customers.

A break was taken at 10:31 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:38 a.m.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported the legislative session began yesterday. New senators were sworn in and the election process for committee chairs commenced. It is likely that Senator Brandt will be elected to chair the Natural Resources Committee. He anticipates property taxes and a change to the electoral college system in the state will be priorities for senators during this session. He is organizing a luncheon for senators at the Governor's mansion where a presentation will be made by Jesse Bradley of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the stakeholders, including the District, about the Perkins County (South Platte) Canal project.

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

- a. South Central Water Conference – January 23, 2025, Phelps County Ag Center
- b. Four State Irrigation Council Annual Meeting – January 29-30, 2025, Thornton, CO
- c. 2025 Water and Natural Resources Tour – February 3-7, 2025, Phoenix, AZ

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

BOARD COMMENTS: Director Rowe expressed appreciation to the directors for their support for him as board president over the past six years. President Shepherd thanked the newly elected directors for their commitment to the District's mission.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster has been corresponding with lake tenants about permit violations, negotiating with ATC to settle the matter of a hole drilled into a pipeline, and he plans to file suit on a water service agreement holder who is delinquent on 2023 and 2024 payments.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Cory Steinke reported on Mike Drain's plans to meet with representatives of Northern Water and Denver Water to inquire about their process in contracting methods and oversight for the Kingsley Dam Refacing Project. Drain, Zorn and Steinke met with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission regarding methods to help keep Asian carp and other invasive species out of the District's system. Progress on the jetty project at Medo's has been slowed due to the weather, but he expects crews to increase their efforts next week. He is contemplating potential repairs to the concrete boat ramp at Medo's in conjunction with the jetty project. The Phillips Canyon boat ramp project has stalled

while the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission seeks new bids for the concrete boat ramp as the company who gave the initial estimate provided an updated quote that was much higher than the original projection.

- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,236.1, 1,002,100 acre feet and 57.5% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 1,300 cfs and outflows are 725 cfs. Snowpack in the upper North Platte basin is 93% of median, 84% in the lower North Platte basin, and 103% in the South Platte basin.
- c. Scott Dicke stated irrigation employees are working on fabrication projects and scheduling 2025 irrigation deliveries. Letters were sent to irrigators about 2025 rates and the 2025 Water Leasing Program with PRRIP. He is working on documentation needed to finalize the Elwood Dam Seepage Mitigation project. He will meet next week with contractors who are experienced in installing steel and HDPE pipelines.
- d. Rochelle Jurgens and the accounting department have been busy with year-end tasks and issuing 1099s and W2s. An employee meeting was held about the addition of a 401(a) plan to the existing voluntary 457 retirement plan. The annual audit will be conducted in March.
- e. Haley Munson is working to streamline the purchase requisition and work order process and provided a brief description of the District's procedures.
- f. Alex Linden noted the NSIA Legislative Reception is not occurring this year.
- g. Eric Hixson reported on the recent cold weather event where ice accumulated on the communication towers near Jeffrey Reservoir. Workers had to chip away ice that was 1" thick on the antennas due to the ice causing communication outages.
- h. Devin Brundage attended a meeting of the Lake McConaughy Advisory Committee at the Visitors Center earlier this week where Tim McCoy from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission presented information on the potential marina, and a possible move to focus on recreational infrastructure improvements rather than a new marina. He is planning to present a resolution or memorandum of understanding at an upcoming meeting for the directors to consider to express support of the Perkins County (South Platte) Canal project. He displayed a graphic showing the 2024 Supply Canal generation data.

**BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- a. Land & Recreation Committee – January 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Gothenburg
- b. Legislative Reception – January 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln

**ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Boyle to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 11:23 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was R. Olson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER  
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Tim Boyle, Secretary

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kyle Shepherd, President