

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  
JANUARY 24, 2025 – 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 January 20, 2025, and through legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on January 17, 2025, and the Kearney Hub, North Platte Telegraph, and Lexington Clipper-Herald on January 18, 2025 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 January 14, 2025 giving the time, date, and place of this meeting.

The following Directors were present:

|                               |                   |                |
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| Kyle Shepherd, President      | Geoffrey K. Bogle | Roger D. Olson |
| Brent Soneson, Vice President | Tom Jasnoch       | Gary Robison   |
| Tim Boyle, Secretary          | David G. Nelson   | Matt Wells     |
| Dudley L. Nelson, Treasurer   |                   |                |

The following Director was absent: Bryant Knoerzer and David L. Rowe

Also present were the following:

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

Others:

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| Carson Messersmith                                    | Brad Lundeen |
| Kris Polly, Water Strategies (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.) | Joe Bilka    |

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Board President Shepherd 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: Brad Lundeen reported on the South Central Water Conference held yesterday in Holdrege. He commented on Nolan Little's report on the spring and fall well readings that show the wells are declining, particularly in the eastern portion of the Tri-Basin NRD area. He would like to continue working towards developing a program to direct excess flows into recharge pits.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: None.

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT SUMMARY: The following Permits to Construct were presented for January, 2025:

| Permits to Construct<br>Approved by General Manager or Designee<br>1/24/2025                   |                                     |  |  |                                |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| <u>Number</u>  | <u>Name</u>                         | <u>Description</u>                       | <u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>  | <u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u> |
| 1.   | Dawson Public Power                 | 16-11-26                                 | Relocate two power poles and associated features on an existing distribution line. | 01/03/2025                     |
| 2.   | Great Plains Communications         | 9-8-22                                   | Buried telecommunication cables and appurtenant features.                          | 12/31/2024                     |
| 3.   | Mallard Beach South Bay             | NE1/4 Section 7-8N-R22 – Johnson Lake    | Permit to Construct - Maintain Mallard Beach South Bay's private boat ramp         | 12/31/2024                     |
| 4.   | Great Plains Communication          | 2-8-22, 3-8-22, 4-8-22, 17-8-22, 32-8-22 | Overhead and buried telecommunication cables and appurtenant features.             | 12/31/2024                     |
| Permits to Construct<br>Approved by Land Administration Department<br>1/24/2025 – Johnson Lake |                                     |  |  |                                |
| <u>Number</u>  | <u>Name</u>                         | <u>Description</u>                       | <u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>  | <u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u> |
| 5.   | Knapp, Ryan & Melissa               | 29 Kirby Point Dr. 2                     | ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 4.00 linear feet of the shoreline            | 01/03/2025                     |
| 6.   | Kruse, Cory & Jaci                  | 20 Mallard Cove Dr 19A                   | SWAF - Install 5'W x 6'L Dock anchor pad, 4'W x 25'L access w/railings             | 01/06/2025<br>\$ 50.00         |
| 7.   | Messersmith, Levi & Bobbie          | 17 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14                 | SWAF - Install 4'W x 10'L Dock Section   | 01/13/2025<br>\$ 50.00         |
| 8.   | Peterson, Matthew & Vicki           | 30 Kirby Point Dr. 2                     | ECS - Construct 28'L retaining wall  | 01/15/2025                     |
| 9.   | Peterson, Matthew & Vicki           | 30 Kirby Point Dr. 2                     | SWAF - Construct 3'W x 10'6"L sidewalk, 3'W stairs, 10'W x 12'L On-grade feature   | 01/15/2025<br>\$ 50.00         |
| 10.  | Peterson, Matthew & Peterson, Vicki | 30 Kirby Point Dr 2                      | ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 60.00 linear feet of the shoreline           | 12/19/2024                     |
| 11.  | Cosgrove, R Ann                     | 8 Lane One Dr 28                         | DWEL - New wire welded fence with 4 x 4 posts                                      | 12/23/2024                     |
| 12.  | Moseley, James & Theresa            | 44 Park Lane Dr 28                       | DWEL - Install a new fence and fence posts   | 12/24/2024                     |

| Permits to Construct<br>Approved by Land Administration Department<br>1/24/2025 – Lake McConaughy |              |                    |   |                                |
|---|--------------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <u>Number</u>   | <u>Name</u>  | <u>Description</u> | <u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>               | <u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u> |
| 13.   | Sinkey, Judy | 44 K-1             | DWEL - Construct 13'9 x 10'3 storage shed | 01/08/2025                     |

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: None.

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: None.

330 CAT EXCAVATOR OR EQUIVALENT: Haley Magnuson presented proposals from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for a 2025 John Deere 300P in the amount of \$393,750.00 and NMC, Inc. for a 2025 CAT 330 in the amount of \$372,800.00. She sought a proposal from Road Builders but they did not have the equipment to meet the District's bid specifications. Staff will recommend accepting the bid from NMC, Inc. and approval of the corresponding Purchase Requisition No. 27574 in the amount of \$372,800.00.

DITCH WITCH HYDRO VAC EXCAVATOR OR EQUIVALENT: Haley Magnuson presented proposals from Ditch Witch for a HX30G in the amount of \$68,500.00, Vermeer High Plains for a LPS573SGT in the amount of \$79,311.90, and Vermeer High Plains for a LPMini373 in the amount of \$54,855.66 which did not meet the District's bid specifications. Staff will recommend accepting the bid from Ditch Witch and approval of the corresponding Purchase Requisition No. 27575 in the amount of \$68,500.00.

2025 CHEMICALS: Haley Magnuson presented a variety of proposals from Van Diest (\$196,559.20 and \$191,615.68), Clear Channel (\$188,801.19), and Nutrien Solutions (\$232,840.90 and \$194,332.60). Staff will recommend accepting the bid from Van Diest in the amount of \$191,615.68 and approval of the corresponding Purchase Requisition No. 27576 in the amount of \$191,615.68. Staff discussed service and supply experience from 2024 between Nutrien and Van Diest as well as Clear Channel being a brand-new company to this area as part of the criteria for the recommendation.

BID TAB FOR FLEET PICKUPS (GROUPS 25-01, 25-02, 25-03 & 25-04): Haley Magnuson presented bids for ten pickups in varying sizes from Bill Summers Ford in the amount of \$563,718.66, Pony Express Chevrolet Buick in the amount of \$492,827.00, and Gene Steffy Auto Group in the amount of \$509,112.00. Staff will recommend accepting the bid from Pony Express Chevrolet Buick and approval of the corresponding Work Order No. 186459 for the Irrigation pickups in the amount of \$311,105.00 and Work Order No. 107505 for the Gothenburg pickups in the amount of \$232,039.00. Cory Steinke noted that Work Order No. 107505 includes the purchase of one additional pickup above the original proposal.

PROGRESS ESTIMATE NO. 1 (FINAL), CONTRACT NO. 0-727 – REPLACE BUSHINGS AND RE-GASKET 25MVA TRANSFORMERS AT J1/J2 (\$84,410.00): Anton Hassebrook reported this project was completed in November, 2024. The units have been tested, and the work was found to be satisfactory. Staff recommended final payment and closure of the contract.

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF 1/16/25: Mike Drain provided a summary of the Land and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of January 16, 2025. No recommendations were made by the committee on the Johnson Lake Inlet Bridge (MP 63.1 bridge) or District Policies.

A break was taken at 9:48 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:58 a.m.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL LOBBYING – WATER STRATEGIES: Kris Polly joined the meeting via Zoom and discussed Water Strategies' publications and lobbying experience. He believes in promoting a positive image to build partnerships and alliances behind proposed legislation. He suggested utilizing his publications, Hydro Leader and Irrigation Leader, to educate readers about the Kingsley Dam project, the District's financial needs, and the dam's important positive impact on

the economy. He will submit a proposal in February for the Board to consider.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES: Devin Brundage discussed the draft MOU with the State. Staff continues efforts to educate senators, the governor and other stakeholders about the importance of the project.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain provided an update on the studies to perform modeling and wave/wind data collection. RJH will install instrumentation to buoys and the outlet tower to collect the wind and wave data. He conducted phone meetings with Denver Water and Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District to learn about their process for creating an independent board of consultants.

ELWOOD SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECT: Tyler Thulin stated the project is complete and RJH is developing a maintenance and monitoring plan.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Tyler Thulin reported staff met with various contractors last week who have experience with installing large steel and/or HDPE pipe. Most of the contractors indicated their preference for a Construction Management At Risk (CMAR) process over a design/bid/build process. Thulin noted a resolution will need to be adopted by the Board of Directors to utilize the CMAR process.

JEFFREY HYDRO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Devin Brundage stated the contract with the selected entity continues to be negotiated.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported 16 senators attended the District's Legislative Reception on January 21, 2025 in Lincoln. Today is day 12 of the 90-day legislative session and 715 bills have been introduced. He attended the luncheon at the Governor's mansion on January 14, 2025 where senators and others in attendance learned about the Perkins County Canal. He supplied the directors with an updated Legislative Watchlist and stated he will continue to follow all bills related to District operations and public power.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Director Robison noted that most board discussions occur at the Working Meeting that the public does not observe if they only attend Regular Business Meetings. Director Wells inquired about the recharge pit agreement process with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Brundage stated that conversations continue with NDNR and staff have identified several suitable locations for more recharge. President Shepherd encouraged directors to let management staff know if they attend meetings on behalf of the District and to be careful not to direct the work of District staff members.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues conversations with ATC's legal counsel regarding the damaged underground pipeline. He filed a lawsuit against an irrigation customer who has failed to pay their water bill.

A break for lunch was taken at 11:45 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:56 a.m.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Haley Magnuson is gathering options to purchase a used pickup truck to replace Cory Steinke's sedan.
- b. Anton Hasebrook is working on a Request for Proposals for the Gothenburg emergency diesel generator replacement. He is researching options for a new metal lathe for Gothenburg. He is also seeking proposals from engineering firms for the Jeffrey 69KV distribution transformer replacement. During the recent cold weather event, ice accumulated on the communication towers near Jeffrey Reservoir causing communication outages. Workers had to chip away ice that was 1" thick on the antennas.

- c. Eric Hixson reported on an unplanned outage at J2 when the generator breaker failed to trip normally. He continues learning about the Southwest Power Pool’s generation schedule. He obtained a contract extension with MEAN to continue marketing the Jeffrey generation until a power purchase agreement with the selected entity can be fully negotiated and executed.
- d. Rochelle Jurgens is processing the Johnson Lake and Plum Creek Reservoir lease invoices which include a 3% annual inflator. The total income generated off these leases will amount to approximately \$1.3 million. The Lake McConaughy lease invoices will be processed next month. A couple leases remain unpaid for 2024 so she will engage legal counsel to communicate with those lessees.
- e. Alex Linden reported the 2025 Water and Natural Resources Tour to Phoenix, AZ has been postponed to November, 2025 due to low participation. He will attend the Nebraska State Chamber events next week on behalf of Brundage.
- f. Cory Steinke displayed drone photos of the dike construction at Medo’s at Johnson Lake. Crews plan to drive pilings near the outlet to anchor buoys to keep boats out of the canal.
- g. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,236.2, 1,004,300 acre feet and 57.6% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 1,175 cfs and outflows are 725 cfs. He presented his Water Supply Update that he gave at the South Central Water Conference yesterday showing snowpack and reservoir storage in the basin is slightly below median.
- h. Dusty Way is enrolling irrigators in the PRRIP Water Leasing Program. Enrollment for the program ends February 15, 2025. Crews have been conducting canal maintenance and removing trees along the banks of Elwood Reservoir. He expects irrigation scheduling for the 2025 season to begin mid-February.
- i. Mike Drain requested proposals from engineering firms to conduct slope stability studies of the District’s dams. He may request a special meeting on February 21, 2025 to select an engineering firm so they can begin work.
- j. Devin Brundage attended the NPA meeting where upcoming legislation was discussed. He attended the luncheon at the Governor’s Mansion on January 14, 2025 and the tour of Sheldon Station that same afternoon. He suggested the board consider a brief retreat day locally to provide education on various topics and consider a strategic planning session this fall, potentially in conjunction with a tour of some the new NPPD facilities near Lincoln. He suggested a tour of Jeffrey Island and Johnson Lake on one of the following dates: February 19, February 26, March 5, or March 7. He will plan a Power and Facilities Committee to hold a meeting soon.

PERSONNEL: None.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: The general manager approved the following list of travel for February, 2025:

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>Meeting</u>                 | <u>Location</u>                                       | <u>Date</u>          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Tim Boyle       | Four States Irrigation Council | Thornton, CO  | January 29-30, 2025  |
| Steve Osterbuhr | Four States Irrigation Council | Thornton, CO  | January 29-30, 2025  |
| Tyler Thulin    | Four States Irrigation Council | Thornton, CO  | January 29-30, 2025  |
| Dusty Way       | Four States Irrigation Council | Thornton, CO  | January 29-30, 2025  |
| McKinley Harm   | LEAD Program                   | Kansas City, MO,<br>Washington, D.C. &<br>Chicago, IL | February 5-14, 2025  |
| Devin Brundage  | APPA Legislative Rally         | Washington, D.C.                                      | February 24-26, 2025 |

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Four State Irrigation Council Annual Meeting – January 29-30, 2025, Thornton, CO

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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A postcard was mailed to each Director on January 14, 2025 giving the time, date, and place of this meeting.

The following Directors were present:

|                               |                   |                |
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| Kyle Shepherd, President      | Geoffrey K. Bogle | Roger D. Olson |
| Brent Soneson, Vice President | Tom Jasnoch       | Gary Robison   |
| Tim Boyle, Secretary          | David G. Nelson   | David L. Rowe  |
| Dudley L. Nelson, Treasurer   |                   | Matt Wells     |

The following Director was absent: Bryant Knoerzer

Also present were the following:

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| 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 Magnuson, 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:

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| Curtis Scheele, NRCS | Nolan Little, Tri-Basin NRD |
| Carson Messersmith   | Joe Bilka                   |
| Reed McClymont       |                             |

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

PUBLIC INPUT: Nolan Little from the Tri-Basin NRD thanked Alex Linden for helping organize the South Central Water Conference held last month. They received more applications for the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Program than they have available funds, but he is hopeful the State will allocate more funding for the program.



CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the January 24, 2025 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 January 9, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held January 24, 2025**
- **Approval of the February Disbursements:**

Hydro Division:

Check #s 74231 through 74428 & 8901576 through 8901602 (Accounts Payable) \$2,728,678.34

Payroll \$897,692.99

Kingsley Division:

Check #s 3732 through 3738 (Accounts Payable) \$698.58

Glendo Division:

NONE \$NONE

- **Approval of Proposal from NMC, Inc. for a 2025 CAT 330 Excavator in the amount of \$372,800.00**
- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 27574 for a 2025 CAT 330 Excavator from NMC, Inc. in the amount of \$372,800.00**
- **Approval of Proposal from Ditch Witch for a HX30G Hydro Vac Excavator in the amount of \$68,500.00**
- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 27575 for a Hydro Vac Excavator from Ditch Witch in the amount of \$68,500.00**
- **Approval of Proposal from Van Diest for the 2025 Chemicals in the amount of \$191,615.68**
- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 27576 for the 2025 Chemicals from Van Diest in the amount of \$191,615.68**
- **Approval of the Bid from Pony Express Chevrolet Buick (Bid Groups 25-01, 25-02, 25-03, & 25-04) for ten pickups in varying sizes in the amount of \$492,827.00**
- **Approval of Work Order No. 186459 for the Irrigation Pickups from Pony Express Chevrolet Buick in the amount of \$311,105.00**
- **Approval of Work Order No. 107505 for the Gothenburg Pickups from Pony Express Chevrolet Buick in the amount of \$232,039.00**
- **Approval of Progress Estimate No. 1 (Final), Contract No. 0-727 with Sunbelt Solomon Services, LLC to Replace Bushings and Re-Gasket the 25MVA Transformers at J1 and J2 in the amount of \$84,410.00**

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, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. R. Olson voted no. Knoerzer was absent. The motion was declared carried.

USED PICKUP FOR CORY STEINKE: Haley Munson presented four proposals from Platte Valley Auto for a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 Laramie in the amount of \$46,000.00, West Point Chevrolet for a 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 in the amount of \$47,250.00, Heartland Chevrolet for a 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 in the amount of \$46,900.00, and Bill Summers Ford for a 2022 Ford F-150 Lariat in the amount of \$49,995.00. Staff recommended accepting the proposal from Platte Valley Auto for

the used 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 with 23,000 miles, with all the preferred features. She also presented Purchase Requisition No. 27704 in the amount of \$46,000.00 and Work Order No. 107506 in the amount of \$50,697.00

**It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Jasnoch to approve the proposal from Platte Valley Auto for a used 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 Laramie in the amount of \$46,000.00, Purchase Requisition No. 27704 in the amount of \$46,000.00, and Work Order No. 107506 in the amount of \$50,697.00 as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. David Nelson voted no. Knoerzer was absent. The motion was declared carried.**

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: None.

IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST REPORT – CURTIS SCHEELE, NRCS: Curtis Scheele presented his annual report on 2024 activities, including: Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) contracts, Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contracts, and the results of UNL’s Testing Ag Performance Solutions (TAPS) and their nitrogen testing program.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE PERKINS COUNTY CANAL: Devin Brundage reviewed minor edits to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and stated it provides the State the necessary evidence of the District’s need for the water supply that is secured by this project to help meet irrigation demands.

**It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Boyle to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for the Perkins County Canal as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Knoerzer was absent. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.**

JEFFREY HYDRO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Brundage anticipates an agreement will be presented for review at the February 21, 2025 Working Meeting of the Board.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported the legislature is on day 18 of its 90-day session. Once the Central Platte NDR and NPPD approve their MOUs for the Perkins County Canal project, a joint press release will be issued. He continues participating in NWRA and NPA meetings and following bills relevant to District operations. He will attend NREA’s legislative reception tomorrow evening. Mike Drain stated the 30% tax credit bill for infrastructure projects has not yet been introduced in the House or Senate, but he remains hopeful.

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

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: President Shepherd reminded the directors of the NWRA Roundtable on February 13, 2025 in Lincoln where Brundage will present on the Kingsley Dam refacing project. Brundage invited interested directors to attend NHA’s Water Power Week in Washington, D.C. from March 31-April 2, 2025.

PERSONNEL: None.

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS: Director Boyle provided a report on the Four States Irrigation Council conference and tour he attended last week with Tyler Thulin and Dusty Way.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster has been negotiating with ATC's attorney to settle the matter of a hole drilled into a pipeline. He filed suit against a water service agreement holder due to delinquent 2023 and 2024 payments.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Mike Drain reported the Requests for Proposals for the slope stability studies of Johnson Dam, Jeffrey Dam, and the J-1 and J2 Penstocks have been received and he will have a recommendation to present at the February 21, 2025 Working Meeting.
- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,236.4, 1,008,600 acre feet and 57.9% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 1,200 cfs and outflows are 675 cfs. Snowpack in the upper North Platte basin is currently 94% of median, 87% in the lower North Platte basin, and 104% in the South Platte basin.
- c. Cory Steinke stated the dike work at Medo's at Johnson Lake should be completed later today. He anticipates the water level of the lake to begin rising this week, depending on power production scheduling at the hydroplants.
- d. Scott Dicke conducted virtual meetings recently with contractors who are experienced in installing steel and HDPE pipelines. He would like to hold a Water Services Committee meeting this month to discuss potential contractors for the E-65 Siphon Project. He participated in NSIA and NWRA meetings last week. He is interviewing candidates for an equipment operator position in Holdrege. Staff members participated in a control burn educational session, aquatic pesticide use, and 811 Diggers Hotline training.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens and the accounting department are preparing for the audit scheduled in March. The December, 2024 financial packet will be delayed until the audit is completed. Jurgens and Haley Magnuson presented a director education session on the purchasing process used by the District.
- f. Alex Linden arranged to have a District staff member run a booth at the Gothenburg Ag Health and Safety event tomorrow. There were over 200 visitors at the Eagle Viewing facilities yesterday.
- g. Eric Hixson stated the final rehabilitated governor pump was successfully installed. He continues working on negotiations for a power sales contract for Jeffrey.
- h. Devin Brundage circulated a list of topics for directors to rank in regard to their desire to learn more about various matters affecting the District. He suggested holding an educational session in conjunction with the March 3, 2025 Regular Business Meeting. He would also like to hold a Board Retreat this fall.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Director Tour – March 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
- b. Water Services Committee – February 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- c. Power & Facilities Committee – February 10, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Jasnoch and seconded by Director Soneson 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, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was Knoerzer. 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