

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
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MARCH 28, 2025 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 March 21, 2025, and through legal publication in the Holiday Daily Citizen on March 21, 2025, the Kearney Hub, North Platte Telegraph, and Lexington Clipper-Herald on March 22, 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 notice giving the time, date, and place of this meeting was mailed to each Director on March 13, 2025.

The following Directors were present:

Kyle Shepherd, President	Geoffrey K. Bogle	Roger D. Olson
Brent Soneson, Vice President	Tom Jasnoch	David L. Rowe
Tim Boyle, Secretary	Bryant Knoerzer	Matt Wells
Dudley L. Nelson, Treasurer*		

*joined the meeting *via Zoom at 9:02 a.m.*

The following Directors were absent: David G. Nelson and Gary Robison

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
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Others:

Carson Messersmith	Michael Placke, JEO
Jessica Adams-Weber, HDR (via Zoom)	Pat Engelbert, HDR (via Zoom)

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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 9:01 a.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

Director Dudley Nelson joined the meeting by Zoom at 9:02 a.m.

PHELPS 10.6 PUMP STATION: The following items were presented:

- a. 2025 Budget Amendment
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 29458 – Holdrege Well Service for 3 pumps (\$82,592.14)

It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Soneson to approve Revision #3 to the 2025 budget in the net difference of \$52,400.00 and Purchase Requisition No. 29458 in the amount of \$82,592.14 for the installation of three new well pumps. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: David Nelson and Robison. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

AMENDMENT NO. 17 TO CONTRACT WITH MEAD & HUNT FOR KINGSLEY DAM INFLOW DESIGN FLOOD REPORT REVISIONS: Mike Drain presented a contract amendment for Mead & Hunt to prepare the design flood report revisions in response to FERC's July 30, 2024 letter. The amendment increases the contract by \$20,634.00 for a total project contract amount of \$974,354.00 to date.

It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Boyle to approve Amendment No. 17 to the Contract with Mead & Hunt for the Kingsley Dam Inflow Design Flood Report Revisions in the amount of \$20,634.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: David Nelson and Robison. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-02 – BOARD APPRECIATION OF CONGRESSMAN ADRIAN SMITH: Devin Brundage read aloud the proposed resolution which thanks the congressman for his support of the Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity and River Restoration Act.

It was moved by Director Jasnoch and seconded by Director Boyle to approve Resolution No. 25-02 – Board Appreciation of Congressman Adrian Smith as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: David Nelson and Robison. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

JEFFREY HYDRO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEM (LES): Devin Brundage provided a summary on the process that began in August 2023 to attain an agreement to deliver power from the Jeffrey hydro facility. More discussions regarding contract specifics were held in Closed Session.

At 9:21 AM it was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director R. Olson to enter Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: David Nelson and Robison. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Shepherd announced the reason for entering into Closed Session was for the discussion of the following agenda item: Jeffrey Hydro Power Purchase Agreement with Lincoln Electric System. The reason for entering into Closed Session was to protect the public interest, for discussion of contract negotiations, and to receive legal advice.

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

At 9:35 AM it was moved by Director Knoerzer 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, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: David Nelson and Robison. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Shepherd stated the discussion held in Closed Session was limited to the Jeffrey Hydro Power Purchase Agreement with Lincoln Electric System.

It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Jasnoch to approve the Hydro Power Purchase Agreement between The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District and Lincoln Electric System, effective April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2037, as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: David Nelson and Robison. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Boyle and seconded by Director Jasnoch to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board at 9:38 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: David Nelson and Robison. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

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PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: One consent was approved for Johnson Lake in March, 2025.

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT SUMMARY: The following Permits to Construct were approved in March, 2025:

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager or Designee 3/28/2025				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
1.	Rohnert, Cheryl	2 North Cove Dr. 10	Permit to Operate – Vacation Rental	03/07/2025 \$500.00

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 3/28/2025 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
2.	Keller Real Estate LLC	127 Mallard Beach Dr. 22A	SWAF - Install 4'W x 30'L Access, 8'W x 10'L On-grade Patio	02/04/2025 \$50.00
3.	Cohn, Brenda	147 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14E	SWAF - Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation, 5'W x 10'L Dock, 3'W x 10'L Gangway	02/24/2025 \$50.00
4.	FGJ Enterprises (Medo's)	20 Bullhead Expressway Dr.	SWAF - Install 6 x 8 Dock Anchor Pad, 32' x 4' Gangway	03/13/2025 No Fee – Concession Lease
5.	Breinig, Loren & JoAnne	31 Park Lane Dr. 28	SWAF - Install 6'W x 9'L Jet-Ski Lift, 4'W x 8'L Dock, 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform	03/18/2025 \$50.00

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 3/28/2025 – Jeffrey Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
6.	Allison, Scott & Cynthia	110 S Shore Dr.	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 84.00 linear feet of the shoreline	03/03/2025
7.	Richeson, Joseph & Angela	75 Pelican Dr.	ECS - Install retaining walls on the north, south and west sides of lot 75	03/04/2025
8.	Johnson, Stuart & Elizabeth	14 Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Install 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform, 4'W x 18'L Dock, 10'W x 10'L Shorestation	03/06/2025 \$50.00

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 3/28/2025 – Plum Creek				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
9.	Bredwell, Tanja	2 Plum Creek Canyon, Drive 12-l	SWAF - Install 4'6" x 90'L Dock	03/13/2025 \$50.00

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: Dusty Way 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>
<u>Water Service Agreements:</u>					
Phelps	6170802	W1/2SW1/4 8-6-17	Vander Warp, LLC	0	-40
	(7)	*10 Year Termination			
Phelps	6152003	SW1/4 20-6-15	Vander Warp, LLC	0	-133
	(7)	*10 Year Termination			
Phelps	7153204	SE1/4 32-7-15	Vander Warp, LLC	0	-152
	(7)	*10 Year Termination			

- (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.
- (7) 10 Year Termination - Last Irrigation Season 2034

2025 WATER LEASING PROGRAM: Dusty Way reported presented a list of the 69 agreements totaling 1,129 acres seeking approval for the 2025 program.

2025 BUDGET REVISION: Cory Steinke presented Amendment #4 to the 2025 Budget with a net change of \$0 as follows:

<u>Hydro Division Capital</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Gothenburg Mechanic Tools	\$45,000	\$47,000	\$2,000
Irrigation Mechanic Tools	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
Gooseneck Dump Trailer	\$40,000	\$30,000	(\$10,000)
Automotive Scan Tool	\$15,000	\$7,000	(\$8,000)
Crew Cab Pickups – ½ Ton 4WD	\$60,000	\$51,000	(\$9,000)

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

- a. Work Order No. 107513 – Purchase Tool Sets and Boxes for Gothenburg Mechanics (\$46,600.00)

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (2/21/25): Devin Brundage provided a summary of the minutes of the February 21, 2025 meeting.

WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE (3/27/25): Scott Dicke provided a summary of the minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting. He presented a draft of an edited Pumping Policy that was previously adopted by the board on May 7, 1990. The newly formatted and edited policy will be titled Pumping of Excess Water and categorized under Irrigation Operations with an assigned policy number of IO-01. The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of the policy, along with the fees for customers and non-customers, permit application form, and terms and conditions as discussed. The Pumping of Excess Water policy will be placed on the agenda of the April 7, 2025 Regular Business Meeting for approval and adoption.

POWER AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE (3/27/25): Cory Steinke provided a summary of the minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting. He discussed his plans to repair or remove 20+ timber county bridges and numerous private timber bridges along the Supply Canal. He will meet with each county to discuss plans to eliminate or replace several bridges along the system.

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (3/27/25): Devin Brundage provided a summary of the discussions held during the March 27, 2025 meeting. The minutes were not yet available for viewing by the board. The subcommittee directed staff to continue working on alternatives to the previously approved amendments to the Permitting Procedures.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Devin Brundage reported buoys equipped with instrumentation to collect various wind and wave data will be installed soon at Lake McConaughy.

ELWOOD SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECT: Scott Dicke stated RJH continues to complete a maintenance and monitoring plan for the dam. District staff conducted a controlled burn along the back side of the dam to remove vegetation and identify rodent infestations.

Director Dudley Nelson departed the Zoom at 10:35 a.m.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Michael Placke and Mike Miriovsky from JEO and Jessica Adams-Weber from HDR reported on the advantages of a Construction Management At Risk (CMAR) process over a design/bid/build process approach for this project. Miriovsky noted as part of the process a resolution would need to be adopted by the Board of Directors to utilize the CMAR process. Adams-Weber presented a tentative CMAR timeline indicating a contractor selection in September, 2025.

Director Knoerzer exited the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

JEFFREY HYDRO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT: The Hydro Power Purchase Agreement with Lincoln Electric System was approved by the Board of Directors at the Special Meeting held prior to this meeting.

A break was taken at 11:05 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:12 a.m.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL UPDATE: Brundage participated in a presentation about the project to around 120 stakeholders at an Open House organized by Senator Strommen and Keith County Area Development on March 21, 2025 in Ogallala. Efforts are ongoing to educate stakeholders about the project. Alex Linden has two upcoming tours with State Senators. Board President Shepherd gave a presentation about the project at a recent plumbing conference.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported today is day 52 of the 90-day legislative session. Hearings on bills will end today and debate will commence next week. He continues to follow all bills related to District operations and public power. Governor Pillen appointed a core team to a newly created Water Task Force. Membership of the task force will be increased, and the Governor's office has indicated Central will have a position on it. Both bills that Central supported and testified on behalf of (LB180 and LB396) were passed.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Board President Shepherd participated in a Water Leaders panel and noted Bailey Henkel's participation in the academy.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues conversations with ATC's legal counsel regarding the damaged underground pipeline. He assisted Scott Dicke in updating the Pumping of Excess Water policy. A resolution to authorize the CMAR process for the E-65 Siphon Project would require a 2/3 affirmative vote from the board.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Mike Drain reported the buoys for collecting wave and wind data at Lake McConaughy will be installed in April and he is working to form a Board of Consultants for the Kingsley Dam Refacing Project. The Board of Consultants will be comprised of three independent consultants and will require board and FERC approval. Dave Zorn and he met with representatives of the PRD member NRDs regarding Asian Carp in the Platte to Republican High Flow Diversion Project. He will facilitate the opportunity for President Shepherd to hand-deliver a framed version of Resolution 25-02 passed earlier today at

the Special Meeting to Congressman Adrian Smith next week while in Washington, D.C. The Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity and River Restoration Act was introduced on the Senate floor yesterday. He will seek Senator Fischer's commitment to co-sign the bill during a meeting with her next week in D.C.

- b. Cory Steinke sent staff to inspect the new dredge that is being manufactured in Oklahoma. He displayed photos of the dredge and noted a supplier issue that caused a slight delay in manufacturing. Staff identified a leak along the Supply Canal at MP 11.4 which is being repaired. The buoy line near the outlet at Johnson Lake was relocated, a farm bridge was closed in Lincoln County, and the tariffs resulted in an increased cost of \$3,500 for the new Mack dump truck. The Schilling Bridge project starts next week, and the process of obtaining contracts for construction of the concrete boat ramps at Phillips Canyon Lake and Medo's at Johnson Lake is being started. A new Corp permit to pump sand over the Diversion Dam was discussed.
- c. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,28.5, 1,058,300 acre feet and 60.5% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 950 cfs and outflows are 500 cfs. Hydrocycling will continue through April and fluctuations in Johnson Lake up to 2.0' should be expected during this period. Snowpack in the upper North Platte basin is currently 96% of median, 78% in the lower North Platte basin, and 99% in the South Platte basin.
- d. Scott Dicke displayed photos and videos of the new hydrovac in operation.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens stated the 2024 audit should be concluded by the auditing firm in the coming weeks. She has sent the annual Kingsley Hydro reconciliation billing to NPPD. The District's HSA company is transitioning from Further to Health Equity. Brundage, Drain and Jurgens met with a financial advisor recently in Lincoln regarding Kingsley Dam financing and bonding options and services they can provide.
- f. Dusty Way reported the E-65 headgate will be opened on Monday to begin filling Elwood Reservoir.
- g. Bailey Henkel is in the process of preparing and mailing the 2025 irrigation schedule cards to customers.
- h. Alex Linden reported on the number of views on the live-feed Eagle Cam on the District's website.
- i. Devin Brundage attended an NPA meeting last week where the primary topic was about the mutual aid program and was timely in light of the recent power outages throughout the state due to wind and icy weather conditions. He presented to the Twin Platte NRD and the Seward Rotary about the Kingsley Dam Refacing Project. He reported on the quarterly Governance Committee meeting this week and the interaction of the Perkins County Canal Project with the program. He thanked Director Wells for organizing a meeting with him, District staff and an NPPD director.

PERSONNEL: None.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jake White	Voith Hydro School	York, PA	March 17-21, 2025
Mike Drain	NHA Waterpower Week	Washington, D.C.	March 31-April 3, 2025
Geoff Bogle	NHA Waterpower Week	Washington, D.C.	March 31-April 3, 2025
Kyle Shepherd	NHA Waterpower Week	Washington, D.C.	March 31-April 3, 2025
Devin Brundage	Northern Water – Spring Symposium	Loveland, CO	April 8, 2025
Mike Drain	NHA Midwest Regional & MHUG Joint Meeting	Minneapolis, MN	April 29-30, 2025

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. NHA Waterpower Week – March 31-April 2, 2025, Washington, D.C.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Director Tour – April 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. (meet at Kirk’s in Lexington)

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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Others:

Nolan Little, Tri-Basin NRD	Carson Messersmith
Reed McClymont	

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PUBLIC INPUT: Nolan Little reported the Tri-Basin NRD conducted a controlled burn of nearly 1,500 acres at the site of the Platte to Republican High Flow Diversion Project near Smithfield. Arbor Day is approaching and the NRD will be giving out trees. They are also collecting water level data.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the March 28, 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 March 3, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held March 3, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Directors held March 28, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held March 28, 2025**
- **Approval of the April Disbursements:**

<u>Hydro Division:</u>	
Check # 74596-VOID; Check #s 74636 through 74872 & 8901631 through 8901660 (Accounts Payable)	\$1,212,285.04
Payroll	\$585,514.23
<u>Kingsley Division:</u>	
Check #s 3750 through 3756 (Accounts Payable)	\$86,872.55
<u>Glendo Division:</u>	
None	\$NONE

- **Approval of the following Water Service Agreements:**

<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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- **Approval of Amendment #4 to the 2025 Budget as follows:**

<u>Hydro Division Capital</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Gothenburg Mechanic Tools	\$45,000	\$47,000	\$2,000
Irrigation Mechanic Tools	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
Gooseneck Dump Trailer	\$40,000	\$30,000	(\$10,000)
Automotive Scan Tool	\$15,000	\$7,000	(\$8,000)
Crew Cab Pickups – ½ Ton 4WD	\$60,000	\$51,000	(\$9,000)

- **Approval of Work Order No. 107513 – Purchase Tool Sets and Boxes for Gothenburg Mechanics (\$46,600.00)**
- **Approval of Irrigation Operations Policy – Pumping of Excess Water (IO-01)**

It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director Rowe 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, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. The motion was declared carried.

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: None.

2025 WATER LEASING PROGRAM AGREEMENTS: **It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Soneson to approve the 69 agreements totaling 1,129 acres for the 2025 Water Leasing Program. 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 abstained. The motion was declared carried.**

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain reported RJH will be installing wind and wave data collection buoys at Lake McConaughy in the coming weeks. Shepherd, Bogle and he met with lobbying consultants in Washington, D.C. last week about the infrastructure funding legislation.

LEGISLATION: Mike Drain, Shepherd and Bogle met with Senators Ricketts and Fisher and Congressmen Bacon and Smith last week in Washington, D.C. regarding the 30% elective pay legislation for hydroelectric and dam infrastructure. Senator Fischer committed to supporting the legislation for infrastructure improvements. Drain noted that passing the legislation will be an uphill battle, and it is the National Hydropower Associations' primary priority. Board President Shepherd commented on the productivity of the meetings and stated that Kyle Liebig from NPPD also participated in some of the meetings. Devin Brundage will join Alex Linden later today on the Perkins County Canal tour with a group of senators and aides. He reported LB317 passed last week that merges the Department of Energy and Environment with the Department of Natural Resources.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: None.

PERSONNEL: None.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: All directors were present.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS: Director Boyle listened to a podcast recently about PacifiCorp acquiring the Dave Johnston Plant which is a coal plant in Wyoming.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster had nothing new to report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Cory Steinke reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,238.9, 1,064,800 acre feet and 62% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 850 cfs and outflows are 450 cfs. Hydrocycling will continue through April, causing fluctuations in Johnson Lake up to 2.0'. The new jetty at Medo's required some maintenance to place some additional riprap where fill material that was incorporated in the broken interstate concrete was washed out during the recent winds. Tyler Thulin and McKinley Harm are communicating daily with LES to maximize generation impact at Jeffrey Hydro. He plans to have JF Brennan inspect the outlet tower at Kingsley Dam. He expects to present a contract with a sediment company for the Diversion Dam sand at a Special Meeting on April 25, 2025.
- b. Scott Dicke stated the Elwood Reservoir is being filled and the Phelps Canal will be filled in late April. Crews have been preparing the canals and hauling dirt to the site of the new chemical storage building. He attended a Phelps County Development Corporation meeting last week to hear an update about the proposed aviation fuel plant. He is working with legal counsel to draft a proposed board resolution to proceed with the Construction Management At Risk (CMAR) process for the E-65 Siphon Project. He asked Board President Shepherd to appoint a "Special Projects" subcommittee to begin a review the potential to use this alternative delivery method for the project. Shepherd

appointed Jasnoch, Knoerzer, Rowe, Soneson, and Wells to the Special Projects Committee and a meeting will be held in the coming weeks.

- c. Rochelle Jurgens is awaiting the finalized 2024 audit.
- d. Eric Hixson identified a calculation error in a billing spreadsheet used to account for peak and off-peak generation at the J1 and J2 hydros. He is working with Jurgens and MEAN to rectify the error. FERC conducted a security inspection at all hydros this past week. The electrical crew has been modifying gate operators, remounting control panels, and repairing and upgrading RTUs along the Phelps and supply canal system.
- e. Devin Brundage thanked the directors who participated in the board tour of Jeffrey Island and Johnson Lake on April 3, 2025. He will be leaving the office upon adjournment of this meeting to join the Perkins County Canal tour group at the Lake McConaughy Visitor Center.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Land and Recreation Committee – April 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Jeffrey Lodge

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Boyle and seconded by Director Soneson to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 9:41 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. The motion was declared carried.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

_____ Tim Boyle, Secretary	By _____ Kyle Shepherd, President
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