

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
APRIL 25, 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 April 18, 2025, and through legal publication in the Holiday Daily Citizen on April 18, 2025, the Kearney Hub, North Platte Telegraph, and Lexington Clipper-Herald on April 19, 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 April 14, 2025.

The following Directors were present:

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

Also present were the following:

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

Others:

Carson Messersmith	Jake Miriovsky, JEO
Reed McClymont	Bruce Remington, Principal
Dan Sirdoreus, Principal	

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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: None.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: Two consents were approved for Johnson Lake in April, 2025.

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

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager or Designee 4/25/2025				
Number	Name	Description	Permit & Purpose	Date Approved & Fee
1.	Glenwood Telecommunications	SE1/4 20-6-16, SE1/4 20-6-17, NW1/4 33-6-16, NE1/4 33-6-16, SW1/4 24-7-15	Install telecommunication cables and appurtenant features.	03/27/2025 \$1,180.00
2.	Kenneth & Nancy Anderson	W1/2NE1/4 35-7-17	Bury 8" PVC water line and electric line in 1.5" conduit a minimum of 3 ft under the canal at 29.1-1.3-1.1.	04/01/2025
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 4/25/2025 – Johnson Lake				
Number	Name	Description	Permit & Purpose	Date Approved & Fee
3.	Steffens, William & Corinne	19 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Install 124-gallon propane tank	03/20/2025
4.	Hatch, Rocky & Jessica	6 Perch Bay Dr. 6	DWEL - Construct 3' on grade concrete patio extension	03/20/2025
5.	Kugler, Scott	2 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Remove, replace, and enlarge on-grade concrete patio	03/21/2025
6.	Kruse, Cory & Jaci	20 Mallard Cove Dr. 19A	DWEL - Remove existing asphalt and replace it with on-grade concrete slab	03/25/2025
7.	Webb, Brad & Kathryn	50 North Shore Dr. 8	SWAF - Install 8'W x 4'L Anchor Pad, 12'L x 12'W Shorestation, 4'W x 56'L dock, 6'W x 7'L Jet-Ski Lift	03/31/2025 \$50.00
8.	Beattie, Barton & Shana	17 & 18 North Cove Dr. 10	SWAF Common Use - Install PWC Lift 60" x 75"	04/01/2025 \$50.00
9.	Johnson, Wayne & Michelle	9 Mallard Beach Dr. 20	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 47.00 linear feet of the shoreline	04/03/2025
10.	Sedlak, James	15 North Point Dr. 13	DWEL - Construct for replacement of wooden walkway with new one grade concrete	04/04/2025
11.	Leevers, John	38 North Point Dr. 13	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/07/2025
12.	Rutjens, Thomas & Connie	7 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Construct on grade concrete garage approach	04/07/2025
13.	Kristensen, Douglas and Harder, Terri	6 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Construct on grade concrete drainage flume approx. 11' in width	04/07/2025

14.	Thelen, Christopher	25 Mallard Beach Dr. 20	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/08/2025
15.	Timm, Mark and Sherry	9 Bass Bay	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/08/2025
16.	Brown, Karen	23 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	SWAF - Install 4'W x 6'L Dock Anchor Pad, 4'W x 64'L Dock, 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform	04/08/2025 \$50.00
17.	Marshall, Miles & Brenda	11 Mallard Beach Dr. 20	SWAF - Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation, 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform, 4'W x 80'L Dock	04/09/2025 \$50.00
18.	Wyse, Karianne	14 North Point	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/10/2025
19.	Sedlak, Jim	15 North Point, Drive 13A	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/10/2025
20.	Minnick, Philip & Amy	25 Park Lane Dr. 28	DWEL - Replace existing dwelling with new dwelling	04/11/2025
21.	Nelson, James & Julie	6 Northeast Cove Dr. 9	SWAF - Install 6'W x 4'L Dock Anchor Pad, 4'W x 120'L Dock Section	04/11/2025 \$50.00
22.	Clark, Brad	13 North Point	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/12/2025
23.	Brown, Karen	23 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	DWEL - Pour new on grade concrete slab	04/14/2025
24.	Krajewski, Andrew & Mary	25 East Shore Dr. 1A	SWAF - Install 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform, 4'W x 48'L Dock, 6'W x 4'L Dock Anchor	04/14/2025 \$50.00
25.	BSBB LLP	45 Mallard Beach Dr. 20	SWAF - Install 8' section to dock	04/16/2025 \$50.00
26.	Johnson, Wayne & Michelle	9 Mallard Beach Dr. 20	SWAF Permit Amended - Construct 4'W x 10'L Access/Steps	10/29/2024
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 4/25/2025 – Jeffrey Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
27.	Foster, Brien	85 Pelican Drive	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/08/2025
28.	Bender, David	66 S Lakeview Rd	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/08/2025
29.	Stagemeyer, Kristin & Jeffrey	54 S Lakeview Rd	ECS - Bank Stabilization (RipRap) for 35.00 linear feet of the shoreline	04/08/2025
30.	Stagemeyer, Kristin & Jeffrey	54 S Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Replace existing 12'W x 26'L Boat House – Adduced evidence in the lawsuit.	04/08/2025 \$50.00
31.	Stagemeyer, Kristin & Jeffrey	54 S Lakeview Rd	DEF - Fill dirt behind new seawall and rip rap	04/08/2025 \$50.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 4/25/2025 – Lake McConaughy				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
32.	Moul, Michael & Davanne	16 K-1 Rd	DEF – Excavate portions of lot for future building site	04/01/2025 \$50.00

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 4/25/2025 – Midway Lake				
Number	Name	Description	Permit & Purpose	Date Approved & Fee
33.	Bell, Donelle	61 Cedar Point	DWEL - Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation	03/24/2025 \$50.00
34.	Zimbelman, Greg	Midway Boat Access Zone	Permit to Construct - Install a 5'W x 80'L access to the shoreline	\$50.00

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: None.

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: None.

2025 BUDGET REVISION: Rochelle Jurgens presented Amendment #5 to the 2025 Budget with a net reduction of \$27,000 as follows:

<u>Hydro Division Capital</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Gothenburg Lathe	\$125,000	\$151,000	\$26,000
Mobile Fume Extractor	\$12,000	\$9,000	(\$3,000)
6x12 Enclosed Trailer	\$5,000	\$0	(\$5,000)
7x14 Enclosed Trailer	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
SUV – Land Team	\$40,000	\$47,000	\$7,000
Scout RTU Replacement-J1	\$60,000	\$0	(\$60,000)
		Net Change	(\$27,000)

REVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR 25D03 – CNC/MANUAL OPERATION COMBINATION LATHE MACHINE: Anton Hassebrook presented five proposals for various styles of lathes as follows: Industrial Systems Supply-\$210,936.00; Kent Industrial USA, Inc.-\$167,905.00; Productivity Inc.-\$232,668.50; Productivity Inc.-\$259,988.00; and Sominn Machinery Sales-\$146,210.00. He provided an explanation of what types of products the District’s machinist fabricates with the lathe and its value to the District by not having to hire an outside company and be subjected to their production schedule. Staff recommends accepting the proposal from Sominn and presented the associated Work Order No. 107516 in the amount of \$150,596.00 and Purchase Requisition No. 30913 in the amount of \$146,210.00.

REVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR 25D21 – LAND TEAM SUV: Haley Magnuson presented the following proposals for a 2025 Jeep Grand Cherokee for a land administrator: Woodhouse CDJR-\$42,356.00; Anderson Grand Island-\$45,749.00; and Woodhouse CDJR-\$42,857.00. Staff recommends accepting the proposal from Woodhouse CDJR in the amount of \$42,356.00 and presented the associated Work Order No. 107515 in the amount of \$46,681.00 and Purchase Requisition No. 30914 in the amount of \$42,356.00.

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (4/21/25): Director Boyle and Mike Drain provided a summary of the discussions held during the April 21, 2025 meeting and noted the committee voted to recommend Board approval of the following items:

- a. Application for Variance – 1 North Point, Johnson Lake: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of a variance to the Lot Line Construction Setback for the construction of a modification of the grandfathered existing flat roof to a pitched roof centered on the construction and located approximately 2.5’ from the lot line, subject to written approval by the neighbors (this approval would align with the upcoming amendments to the District’s Permitting Procedures).
- b. Chipper Co. Concession Lease Agreement Renewal: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of the 20-year term concession lease with Chipper Co. as presented from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2045.

- c. Permitting Procedures and Permitting Process: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval to the amended Permitting Procedures with edits as discussed.
- d. Medo's Marina Parking and Bullhead Point Common Area: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval to pursue the development of lots for sale at Bullhead Point.

A break was taken at 10:09 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:22 a.m.

ELWOOD SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECT: Scott Dicke stated RJH continues to complete a maintenance and monitoring plan for the dam. A video inspection of the pipe is pending and final payment and contract closure will be made to the contractor upon completion.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Director Jasnoch and Scott Dicke presented a summary of the minutes of the Special Projects Committee meeting of April 17, 2025. During that meeting, the subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of the alternate delivery method (Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR)) and to direct legal counsel to prepare a resolution to enact the CMAR process for presentation at the May 5, 2025 Regular Business Meeting of the Board. Jake Miriovsky from JEO reported on the advantages of a Construction Management At Risk (CMAR) process over a design/bid/build process approach for this project.

SEMI-ANNUAL DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN REPORT BY PRINCIPAL: Bruce Remington announced his upcoming retirement, introduced Dan Sidoreus as the new portfolio manager, and updated the Board on their investment strategies relating to the District's defined benefit pension plan.

A break for lunch was taken at 11:29 a.m.

Director Olson exited the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:56 a.m.

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS – NORTH PLATTE/GLENDO CANAL COMPANIES: Cory Steinke presented drafts of the Water Service Agreements with the Keith-Lincoln, Lisco, Paxton-Hershey, Platte Valley, and Suburban canal companies. Each agreement will include a 2.5% rate increase for the term of the agreement through December 31, 2025.

SUPPLY CANAL BRIDGES: This was discussed in Closed Session.

DIVERSION DAM HOUSE LEASE: This was discussed in Closed Session.

DISTRICT SEDIMENT: This was discussed in Closed Session.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: There was no new activity to report.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL UPDATE: Efforts continue to educate stakeholders about the project. Alex Linden is planning another tour for State Senators and assisting in writing articles about the project.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported today is day 68 of the 90-day legislative session. The bill to merge the agencies of the Department of Natural Resources with the Department of Energy and Environment advanced to final reading and he does not expect any further opposition. Debate on the budget will begin soon and the forecasting board will update the projected revenue shortfall later this week. There is discussion about extending the senator term limits from two to three terms, but it would require a ballot measure.

At 12:17 PM it was moved by Director Soneson 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: 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: Supply Canal Bridges, Diversion Dam House Lease, and District Sediment. The reason for entering into Closed Session was for discussion of contract negotiations and to receive legal advice.

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

Director Soneson exited the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

At 12:57 PM it was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson 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, and Wells. Absent were: Olson and Soneson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Shepherd stated the discussion held in Closed Session was limited to the following agenda items: Supply Canal Bridges, Diversion Dam House Lease, and District Sediment.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Director David Nelson shared photos of the April 3, 2025 board tour of Jeffrey Island and Johnson Lake. President Shepherd thanked staff for organizing the Land and Recreation Committee meeting at Jeffrey Lodge earlier this week and encouraged other committees to hold meetings there periodically.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues conversations with ATC's legal counsel and their insurance adjuster regarding the damaged underground pipeline. He drafted a resolution to authorize the CMAR process for the E-65 Siphon Project would require a 2/3 affirmative vote from the board. He is working on a couple collection issues.

Director David Nelson exited the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Anton Hassebrook presented photos of the refurbishing of the Supply Canal 26.9 gate operators and RTU.
- b. Haley Magnuson announced the online apparel catalog will be made available to employees and directors next week and orders will be due by May 9, 2025.
- c. Scott Dicke reported the canals are filling, crews are spraying weeds, shaping banks, performing maintenance, and hauling dirt to the site of the new chemical building and hauling crushed concrete to the District's stockpile. He displayed photos of the progress of the construction of the chemical building.
- d. Dusty Way stated the irrigation employees will transition back to 8-hour days beginning on April 28, 2025. Two pumps are being operated to move water into Elwood Reservoir in preparation for irrigation deliveries.
- e. Eric Hixson reported the District took over the automation of Cottonwood Ranch from the Platte Program which uses the Rubicon system.
- f. Rochelle Jurgens should have the final audit report soon. She provided an example of an invoice the District received charging for tariffs on a recent purchase from Canada. Efforts continue to upgrade the accounting and irrigation software. She would like to hold a Finance Committee meeting on May 5, 2025 following the Regular Business Meeting.
- g. Alex Linden will participate in the annual Water Jamboree event at Harlan County Reservoir next week.

- h. Mike Drain will be in Minnesota next week for the NHA/MHUG conference where he will speak on a panel about dam safety.
- i. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,239.4, 1,073,600 acre feet and 61.6% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 750 cfs and outflows are 525 cfs. Hydrocycling will end on April 30, 2025.
- j. Cory Steinke is arranging for JF Brennan to perform an inspection of the Morning Glory outlet tunnel. He located a mobile drag line similar to what the District currently has, but with a longer boom and lower hours, and he would like to purchase it for back-up and spare parts.
- k. Devin Brundage reported on the potential for reduced or eliminated funding of the Water Sustainability Fund for the next year due to budget shortfalls. He will be in Washington, D.C. next week to attend the NRECA and NWRA conferences and meet with lobbying and legal staff. He would like to hold a one-day board retreat session sometime soon to focus on District revenues and funding options for the District’s large infrastructure projects.

PERSONNEL: None.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Devin Brundage	NWRA/NRECA	Washington, D.C.	April 28-30, 2025
McKinley Harm	USSD	Kansas City, MO	May 5-8, 2025
Eric Hixson	MRO Reliability, Security & CMEP Summit	Oklahoma City, OK	May 20-21, 2025

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

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The following Director was absent: David L. Rowe

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Alex Linden, Gov't & Public Relations Mgr.
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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:

John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD	Carson Messersmith
Reed McClymont	

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PUBLIC INPUT: John Thorburn reported the Tri-Basin NRD provided trees in honor of Arbor Day and participated in the annual Water Jamboree at Harlan County Reservoir. Staff has been measuring water levels and working to renew chemigation permits which are due by June 1, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the April 25, 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. Director Bogle asked to remove the following item from the Consent Agenda: **“Approval of authorization for staff to work towards the development of lots at Bullhead Point, Johnson Lake.”**

The following Consent Agenda was presented:

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held April 7, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held April 25, 2025**
- **Approval of the May Disbursements:**

<u>Hydro Division:</u>	
Check #s 74873 through 75068 & 8901661 through 8901689 (Accounts Payable)	\$1,312,317.37
Payroll	\$587,275.08
<u>Kingsley Division:</u>	
Check #s 3757 through 3769 (Accounts Payable)	\$352,196.29
<u>Glendo Division:</u>	
None	\$NONE

- **Approval of Amendment #5 to the 2025 Budget with a net reduction of \$27,000 as follows:**

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- **Approval of Proposal for 25D03 CNC/Manual Operation Combination Lathe Machine from Sominn Machinery Sales in the amount of \$146,210.00**
- **Approval of Work Order No. 107516 for the CNC/Manual Operation Combination Lathe in the amount of \$150,596.00**
- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 30913 for the CNC/Manual Operation Combination Lathe from Sominn Machinery Sales in the amount of \$146,210.00**
- **Approval of Proposal for 25D21 Land Team SUV from Woodhouse CDJR in the amount of \$42,356.00**
- **Approval of Work Order No. 107515 for the 2025 Jeep Grand Cherokee in the amount of \$46,681.00**
- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 30914 for the 2025 Jeep Grand Cherokee from Woodhouse CDJR in the amount of \$42,356.00**
- **Approval of a Variance at 1 North Point, Johnson Lake for the lessee to construct a roof modification of the grandfathered existing flat room to a pitched roof centered on the construction and located approximately 2.5’ from the lot line, subject to written approval by the neighbors, which will align with the upcoming amendments to the District’s Permitting Procedures**

- **Approval of a 20-year concession lease with Chipper Co. for the term of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2045**
- **Approval of the following Water Service Agreements with the North Platte/Glendo canal companies, with a 2.5% rate increase and a termination date of December 31, 2025**
 - Keith Lincoln
 - Lisco
 - Paxton-Hershey
 - Platte Valley
 - Suburban

It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Jasnoch to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the item “Approval of authorization for staff to work towards the development of lots at Bullhead Point, Johnson Lake.” Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was Rowe. The motion was declared carried.

LOT DEVELOPMENT AT BULLHEAD POINT, JOHNSON LAKE: Director Bogle requested an overview of the plans to develop some lots at Bullhead Point. Mike Drain reiterated this is simply a directive from the Land and Recreation Committee to pursue potential options for future consideration by the board.

It was moved by Director Robison and seconded by Director Soneson to authorize staff to work towards the development of lots at Bullhead Point, Johnson Lake. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was Rowe. The motion was declared carried.

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: None.

PERMITTING PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS: It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director Soneson to approve the Permitting Procedure Amendments as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was Rowe. The motion was declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-03 – UTILIZE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) DELIVERY METHOD FOR THE E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: It was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director R. Olson to approve Resolution No. 25-03 to Utilize the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) Delivery Method for the E-65 Siphon Project as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was Rowe. The motion was declared carried.

SCHEDULE A ONE-DAY BOARD RETREAT (POTENTIAL CHANGE OF VENUE FOR JUNE BUSINESS MEETING OR CONSIDER ALTERNATE DATES): Brundage reported that the Nebraskaland Bank in North Platte offered the use of their facilities to hold a retreat and suggested rescheduling the June 2, 2025 Regular Business Meeting to June 5, 2025 to hold in conjunction with a one-day deep dive retreat session.

It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director R. Olson to approve rescheduling the June Business Meeting from June 2, 2025 to June 5, 2025 to be held in conjunction with a one-day board retreat, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraskaland Bank located at 1400 S. Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was Rowe. The motion was declared carried.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain reported RJH installed the wind and wave data collection buoys at Lake McConaughy this past week.

DIVERSION DAM SAND REMOVAL AGREEMENT: Cory Steinke emphasized the importance of removing the sand and sediment from the Diversion Dam location. This new agreement will benefit Central's need to remove dredged sediment from the site to allow for space to facilitate and improve continued dredging operations. The GRIT Group, a Nebraska limited liability company, has found solutions to make the product marketable and will pay royalties to the District for the sediment. The District will make improvements to the road prior to GRIT setting up their operation on-site.

It was moved by Director Jasnoch and seconded by Director Boyle to approve the 30- year Diversion Dam Sand Removal Agreement with GRIT, subject to final legal review. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was Rowe. The motion was declared carried.

STRATEGIC MARKETING INNOVATIONS, INC. PROPOSAL: Devin Brundage reported on his meetings with Jeff Leahey, Vice President of SMI, Inc. in Washington, D.C. Leahey was a lobbyist for NHA for many years before joining SMI which is a lobbying firm that has been assisting clients with government relations and strategy for over 30 years. SMI would assist with lobbying for hydropower tax policy issues, direct pay legislation, and specifically H.R. 2160 and S. 1183.

It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Wells to approve the proposal from Strategic Marketing Innovations, Inc. at a rate not to exceed \$11,000/month, subject to final legal review. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Robison voted no. Absent was Rowe. The motion was declared carried.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden provided an updated Legislative Watchlist. The legislature completed day 72 of the 90-day session last Thursday and they will reconvene tomorrow. The DNR and DEE merger bill (LB317) passed, and he expects Governor Pillen to sign the bill soon which will take effect on July 1, 2025. Devin Brundage was appointed to the Water Quality and Quantity Task Force by Governor Pillen. Debate on the budget will start this week. The \$9M allocated to Lake McConaughy will primarily be used for road and boat ramp improvements. The State of Nebraska continues to work towards acquiring land for the Perkins County Canal project. Mike Drain reported on the potential for tax credit legislation to be included in the reconciliation bill at the federal level that could help in funding support for the Kingsley Dam refacing project. Congressman Smith is advocating for the tax credit legislation and Senator Ricketts signed on as a co-sponsor of the associated Senate bill.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: None.

PERSONNEL: None.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: **It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to excuse Director David L. Rowe from this meeting. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was Rowe. The motion was declared carried.**

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS: Director David Nelson requested a status of the Hog Farm bridge construction and Brundage stated crews were recently installing the bridge decking.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues to review contracts and developed the CMAR resolution with Scott Dicke's assistance. Communications about the ATC matter are ongoing.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,239.3, 1,069,200 acre feet and 61.5% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 500 cfs and outflows are 650 cfs. Releases from Lake McConaughy are being made for irrigation purposes and for seed germination suppression in the North Platte River at the request of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Hydrocycling ended on April 30, 2025, along with the FERC minimum diversion requirements as irrigation diversions began.
- b. Mike Drain attended the NHA and MHUG conferences in Minneapolis, MN last week where the topics were primarily focused on dam safety and comprehensive assessments. As expected, FERC's new requirement for a comprehensive assessment is causing an increase in costs for dam owners. He plans to attend a potential dam failure and risk assessment workshop later this year with McKinley Harm. FERC will conduct inspections next week of the dams at Kingsley, Johnson and Jeffrey, along with structures along the upper portions of the Supply Canal.
- c. Scott Dicke stated the new chemical building construction is rapidly and efficiently progressing. The electricity has been installed, and a concrete floor will be poured the end of this week. The canals are filling, and a few customers have requested early irrigation deliveries. He reported on the hiring of Derek Pierce as the new Irrigation Service Specialist. One pump will continue filling Elwood Reservoir through the end of May.
- d. Rochelle Jurgens received the first grant payment from the Water Sustainability Fund for the E-65 Siphon Project. She received confirmation from Forvis that they completed the 2024 audit and they will attend an upcoming meeting to make their annual report to the board.
- e. Alex Linden assisted with the Water Jamboree at Harlan County Reservoir last week.
- f. Eric Hixson reported on a dewatering inspection at Kingsley Dam last week where damage to the turbine was observed. The turbine will be repaired during the next scheduled outage.
- g. Haley Magnuson reminded everyone that the apparel orders are due May 9, 2025.
- h. Cory Steinke stated JF Brennan conducted the dive inspection of the Morning Glory outlet tunnel recently and they will supply a formal report on their findings. He continues communications with the counties about potential plans for various bridges along the Supply Canal. He is sending two employees to Pennsylvania later this month to view a potential used mobile dragline machine. Crews are installing the pilings at the Schilling Bridge. The new concrete boat ramps at Medo's and Phillips Canyon will be poured this fall.
- i. Devin Brundage attended the NRECA and NWRA conferences in Washington D.C. last week. While there, he met with congressional offices, the District's FERC legal counsel, Troutman Pepper Locke, and a potential lobbying firms.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Finance Committee – May 5, 2025 in Holdrege
- b. Land and Recreation Committee – May 19, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in Holdrege

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Soneson to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 10:22 AM. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was Rowe. The motion was declared carried.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Tim Boyle, Secretary

By _____
Kyle Shepherd, President