

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
MAY 21, 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 May 16, 2025, and through legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, Kearney Hub, and North Platte Telegraph on May 15, 2025, and the Lexington Clipper-Herald on May 17, 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 May 7, 2025.

The following Directors were present:

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

The following Directors were absent: David L. Rowe 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.
Michael A. Drain, Nat. Resource & Compliance Mgr.	Dusty Way, Irrigation Ops Super.
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Haley Magnuson, Purchasing Agent
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops Mgr.	Bailey Henkel, Irrigation Admin. Asst.
Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel

Others:

Reed McClymont

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

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: Three consents were approved for Johnson Lake in May, 2025.

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

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager or Designee 5/21/2025				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
1.	North Shore Area Association	NW1/4 Section 31-9-22	Permit to Construct - Tree removal and trimming	05/07/2025
2.	ATC Communications	SE1/4 17-15-40, NE1/4 20-15-40, NW1/4 & E1/2 21-15-40, SE1/4 25-15-40, NE1/4 36-15-40	Install Telecommunication Cables and Appurtenant Features	04/23/2025 \$3,680.00
3.	Group VI Water District Mallard Beach	Section 1-8-3	Installation of fire hydrants	5/9/2025

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 5/21/2025 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
4.	Barber, Terry & Barbara	11 & 12 Perch Bay Dr. 6	SWAF - Install 6'W x 6'L Dock Anchor Pad, 8'W x 16'L Dock, 10'W x 10'L Shorestation	04/18/2025 \$50.00
5.	EDM Properties LLC	1 North Point Dr. 13	ECS - Riprap	04/11/2025
6.	EDM Properties LLC	1 North Point Dr. 13	DEF - Regrade & Level	04/14/2025 \$50.00
7.	EDM	1 North Point Dr. 13	SWAF - Construct on-grade feature for patio within 30' of the shoreline	04/14/2025 \$50.00
8.	GLBAK LLC	5 South Crappie Corner Dr. 3	VEG - Tree planting	04/16/2025
9.	Robinson, Thomas & Kathryn	32 Perch Bay Dr. 6	DWEL - Construct new 4' x 12' fence	04/17/2025
10.	Landrigan, Donald & Charlotte	68 Mallard Beach	SWAF - Install 4'W x 32'L Dock, 11'W x 11'L Shorestation, 6'W x 7'L Jet-Ski Lift	04/21/2025 \$50.00
11.	Nichols, Gene	25 Crappie Corner	VEG - Tree removal	04/22/2025
12.	Watkins, Daniel & Judith	29 Bass Bay Dr. 16	SWAF - Install new 4' x 112' of alum	04/22/2025 \$50.00
13.	BSBB LLP	45 Mallard Beach	DWEL - Construct new on grade concrete	04/23/2025
14.	Medo, Greg	20 Bullhead Expressway Dr. 29	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/24/2025
15.	Cannella, John & Michelle	16 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	DWEL - Install spiral staircase	04/24/2025
16.	Hoehner, Chris	4 East Land Dr. 28	VEG - Tree removal	04/28/2025
17.	Lathrop, Kurtis & Amanda	115 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14C	SWAF - Install 4'W x 16'L Dock, 3'W x 8'L Gangway	04/28/2025 \$50.00

18.	Olsen, Chuck	35 East Shore Dr.	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/29/2025
19.	Hunke, Logan	44 North Point Dr. 13	SWAF - Install 4' x 104' straight dock, three 4' x 8' dock sections	04/29/2025 \$50.00
20.	Skiles, Richard & Marilyn	5 North Point Dr. 13	DWEL - Remove existing on grade concrete and replace with new on grade concrete in the same location	04/30/2025
21.	Parker, Glenda	East Shore Association	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	04/30/2025
22.	Kirby 14 LLC	14 Kirby Point Dr. 2	SWAF - Install 10'W x 12'L Shorestation, 4'W x 20'L Dock Section	04/30/2025 \$50.00
23.	Shotkoski Investments	20 Perch Bay Dr. 6	SWAF - Install 4'W x 6'L Dock Anchor Pad, 4'W x 56'L Dock, 8'W x 8'L Swim Platform	04/30/2025 \$50.00
24.	Warren, Charlene	36 East Shore Dr. 1	DWEL - Construct 34' x 49' x 16' high addition	05/01/2025
25.	Hanson, Bruce & Carol	45 East Shore Dr. 1	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	05/02/2025
26.	Pausanias Properties LLC	3 West Land Dr. 28	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	05/02/2025
27.	Kids Rental LLC	75 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	DWEL - Construct new 15' x 18' 9' high free-standing patio	05/02/2025
28.	Fish, Richard	59 Mallard Beach South Bay Dr. 21	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	05/05/2025
29.	Steffens, William & Corinne	19-20 Bass Bay Dr. 16	SWAF - Install 4'W x 8'L Dock, 12'W x 12'L Shorestation, 9'W x 10'L Double Jet-Ski Lift	05/07/2025 \$50.00
30.	Silva, Alberto & Polito, Beverly	8 Park Lane Dr. 28	DWEL - Extend and construct additions to existing fence	05/08/2025
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 5/21/2025 – Jeffrey Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
31.	Miller, Bart	108 Southshore Dr.	VEG - Tree removal	04/29/2025

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: The following were presented:

<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 Agreements:

E65	8202301	SW1/4SW1/4 23-8-20	S & J Cattle Company	0	-19
	(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

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (5/5/25): Rochelle Jurgens provided a summary of the May 5, 2025 meeting and the minutes were reviewed.

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (5/19/25): Director Boyle and Mike Drain provided a summary of the discussions held during the May 19, 2025 meeting and noted the committee voted to recommend Board action on the following items:

- a. 139 Mallard Beach Lot Split, Johnson Lake: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board denial of the request to split 139 Mallard Beach into two separate lots/leasehold interests.
- b. Agricultural Lease Renewals: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of the 10-year term of numerous agricultural lease agreements, effective January 1, 2026, as presented.

ELWOOD SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECT: Scott Dicke stated RJH continues work 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.

A break was taken at 9:59 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:12 a.m.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Following the Board approved resolution to enact the CMAR process during the May 5, 2025 Regular Business Meeting of the Board, Scott Dicke and Tyler Thulin are planning a trip to Wyoming to observe a project that is utilizing the CMAR process.

DISTRICT POLICIES: Charles Brewster worked with management to develop a draft of policy ADM-12 – Contract Delivery Methods to implement procedures to comply with the CMAR process and provided a review of that policy with the board. Drafts of ADM-02 – Constituent Engagement and Satisfaction and ADM-03 – Constituent Interaction Safety and Conduct Policy were also presented for review and discussion. These policies will be set for consideration at the June 5, 2025 business meeting.

JEFFREY TRANSFORMER 3 REPLACEMENT ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSALS: Anton Hassebrook is conducting a review of proposals from Kleinschmidt and Olssons to design and install the new transformer. He reviewed the scope of project again with the board and will have a staff recommendation available at the June 5, 2025 Regular Business Meeting.

SUPPLY CANAL BRIDGES: Cory Steinke reported on continued conversations with Dawson and Gosper counties about various bridges along the Supply Canal and reviewed the potential proposals with the board.

MOBILE DRAG LINE: Cory Steinke located a mobile drag line like the District currently has, but with a longer boom, lower hours, added electronic features and a camera, for \$135,000.00. He will provide a work order and purchase requisition at the June 5, 2025 Regular Business Meeting for board consideration.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain displayed photos of the buoys installed at Lake McConaughy to measure and collect wave and wind speed data. He reported on his continued efforts to form the Board of Consultants for the project.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL UPDATE: Devin Brundage gave a presentation about the project at the NREA meeting in Norfolk last week. Work continues with landowners and conversations are ongoing with the State of Colorado.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported today is day 83 of the 90-day legislative session. With just one week left in the session, 110 bills have been signed into law so far. Hearings are occurring today for the confirmation of Jesse Bradley as the director of the Department of Water, Energy and Environment. The budget bill passed last week with a \$390 million deficit.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: None.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues conversations with ATC's legal regarding the damaged underground pipeline. He drafted policies to create internal procedures for the CMAR process. He is working with staff to finalize a contract for the Diversion Dam sediment removal and continues conversations with the parties who are creating an entity to operate the Chapel of the Lake at Johnson Lake.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Mike Drain reported several gopher holes were found at West Conroy Dam during the FERC inspection last week. Jim Brown is investigating methods to eradicate gophers from the dam. Drain reported on the uncertainty related to the possibility of receiving Federal funds through passage of the ITC bill for the Kingsley Dam project. He announced that FERC approved the Land and Shoreline Management Plan.
- b. Cory Steinke reported on plans to complete the Phillips Lake and Medo's boat ramps in the fall. The dredge is in its testing phase at the manufacturer and should be delivered soon. He received the Lake McConaughy Morning Glory penstock inspection report. The report was overall good without any surprises and identified the condition of the penstock as "Fair" and the need for repair as "Low." Central will be asking the consultant to design those needed repairs on some areas of the penstock and outlet tunnel.
- c. Scott Dicke reported irrigators are taking water deliveries. Several leaks were found and repaired in pipelines around the E-65 canal while it was filling. He posted a job opening for a mechanic position in Holdrege to replace Jeff Richardson who is retiring at the end of 2025. The new 10.6 pump station was installed last week. Construction of the new chemical building is nearing completion.
- d. Rochelle Jurgens continues to await the final audit which has delayed the financial statements for the end of 2024 and in 2025.
- e. Alex Linden announced Central is hosting a Four States Irrigation Council conference on August 6-7, 2025 which will include a tour of the system from Ogallala to Kearney.
- f. Haley Magnuson will be participating in National Guard training out of state from June-December, 2025. Several staff members have been trained to handle her duties during her absence.
- g. Anton Hassebrook reported the Cottonwood Ranch gates will be connected to the SCADA system tomorrow. The Kingsley Hydro outage this month went well. Repair to the turbine will be done during the next outage.
- h. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,237.6, 1,008,600 acre feet and 59.3% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy prior to this week's rains were approximately 400 cfs. Current inflows are around 1,100 cfs and outflows are 2,750 cfs.
- i. Devin Brundage reported on work being done with the lobbying firm of SMI to address Kingsley Dam needs with Nebraska's congressional delegation. He complimented management staff and thanked them for all the hard work being done in maintaining operations and on all the many projects the District currently is working on.

PERSONNEL: None.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Scott Dicke	Project Sites	Cheyenne/Ft Laramie/Douglas	June, 2025
Tyler Thulin	Project Sites	Cheyenne/Ft Laramie/Douglas	June, 2025
Dave Zorn, Devin Brundage, Mike Drain	PRRIP Governance Committee	Cheyenne, WY	June 17-18, 2025

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NEBRASKALAND BANK
1400 SOUTH DEWEY STREET
NORTH PLATTE, NE
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The following Directors were present:

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

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.	Anton Hassebrook, Hydroelectric Ops. Super.
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Carson Messersmith, Legal Counsel
Michael A. Drain, Nat. Resource & Compliance Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Scott Dicke, Irrigation Division Manager	

Others:

Reed McClymont	Rob Hinrichs
Joe Bilka	Todd Garrelts
Jeff Ryan	Logan Reed
Tanner Nelson	Greg Wilke

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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: Reed McClymont stated he attended this meeting to learn about potential solutions to pay for upcoming large projects throughout the District.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the May 21, 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 May 5, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held May 21, 2025**
- **Approval of the June Disbursements:**

<u>Hydro Division:</u>	
Check #s 75069 through 75307 & 8901690 through 8901718 (Accounts Payable)	\$1,139,930.79
Payroll	\$590,451.59
<u>Kingsley Division:</u>	
Check #s 3770 through 3775 (Accounts Payable)	\$85,361.58
<u>Glendo Division:</u>	
None	\$NONE

- **Denial of the request to split 139 Mallard Beach, Johnson Lake into two separate lots/leasehold interests**
- **Approval of District Policy ADM-02 – Constituent Engagement and Satisfaction**
- **Approval of District Policy ADM-03 – Constituent Interaction Safety and Conduct Policy**
- **Approval of District Policy ADM-12 – Contract Delivery Methods**
- **Approval of the following Water Service Agreement:**

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It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Jasnoch 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.

2025 BUDGET REVISION: Devin Brundage presented Amendment #6 to the 2025 Budget as follows:

<u>HYDRO DIVISION CAPITAL</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Used One-Half Ton Crew Cab Pickup	\$51,000	\$49,300	(\$1,700)
Automobile Diagnostic Tablet	\$7,000	\$4,700	(\$2,300)
Brush Hog for Skid Steer	\$12,000	\$9,200	(\$2,800)
Diversion Dam Boat	\$16,000	\$12,100	(\$3,900)
Ten Yard Side Dump Truck	\$210,000	\$202,000	(\$8,000)
Portable Fume Extractor	\$9,000	\$7,300	(\$1,700)
Mobile Dragline	\$0	\$160,000	\$160,000
Chemical Storage Building	\$412,000	\$490,900	\$78,900
Server (SCADA Monitoring 67%)	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
		HYDRO NET CHANGE	
	\$228,500		

<u>KINGSLEY DIVISION CAPITAL</u>			
Server (SCADA Monitoring 33%)	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
		KINGSLEY NET CHANGE	
	\$5,000		

It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director Soneson to approve Amendment #6 to the 2025 Budget with a Hydro Division Capital Net Change of \$228,500 and a Kingsley Division Capital Net Change of \$5,000. 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: The following were presented:

- a. Work Order No. 107518 – Purchase Mobile Dragline (\$160,000.00)
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 31410 – Purchase 2010 Little Giant 6430 Mobile Dragline from Nardo Crawlers & Haulers (\$135,000.00)

It was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Soneson to approve Work Order No. 107518 in the amount of \$160,000.00 and Purchase Requisition No. 31410 in the amount of \$135,000.00. 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.

JEFFREY TRANSFORMER 3 REPLACEMENT ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSALS: Anton Hassebrook presented bids from Kleinschmidt Associates in the amount of \$149,000.00 and Olsson Associates in the amount of \$107,250.00. Staff recommended accepting the bid from Olsson Associates, pending reference checks and legal review of any contract documents.

It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Boyle to accept the bid from Olsson Associates in the amount of \$107,250.00 for the engineering design services related to the Jeffrey T3 Replacement, subject to a reference check and legal review of any contract documents. 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.

AGRICULTURAL LEASE AGREEMENT RENEWALS: The following leases were presented with a 10-year term and an effective date of January 1, 2026:

- a. Larry Brell – 22.6 Acres in Gosper County – Current Lease Fee \$565
- b. Donald Burks – 8 Acres in Gosper County – Current Lease Fee \$200
- c. Donald Burks – 47 Acres in Gosper County – Current Lease Fee \$1,967 *Expires December 31, 2026
- d. Egender & Ingram - 49 Acres in Lincoln County – Current Lease Fee \$1,078
- e. Chris Erickson – 1.3 Acres in Phelps County – Current Lease Fee \$175.50
- f. Terry Evans – 10.62 Acres in Gosper County – Current Lease Fee \$265.50
- g. Doug German – 2.4 Acres in Gosper County – Current Lease Fee \$60
- h. Lonnie Gosnell – 23 Acres in Lincoln County – Current Lease Fee \$731.36
- i. Art Henry & Sons – 4.24 Acres in Lincoln County – Current Lease Fee \$106
- j. Clifford Johnson – 4.5 Acres in Lincoln County – Current Lease Fee \$99
- k. Bryant Knoerzer – 1.88 Acres in Gosper County – Current Lease Fee \$47
- l. Knoerzer Farms – 28.3 Acres in Gosper County – Current Lease Fee \$707.50
- m. Wade Burke – 8 Acres in Lincoln County – Current Lease Fee \$320
- n. Brian Matthewson – 3.48 Acres in Lincoln County – Current Lease Fee \$139.20
- o. D McGee Inc. – 28.2 Acres in Gosper County – Current Lease Fee \$2,273
- p. James Orr – 48.81 Acres in Garden County – Current Lease Fee \$6,101.25
- q. Jim Pulver – 4 Acres in Kearney County – Current Lease Fee \$100
- r. Bret & Debra Baxter – 17.1 Acres in Lincoln County – Current Lease Fee \$342
- s. Jeff Wilken – 9.6 Acres in Phelps County – Current Lease Fee \$240

Additionally, the current lease on 163 acres in Dawson and Gosper County will expire December 31, 2025 and staff will seek bids for the lease with a 5-year term.

It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director David Nelson to approve the list of agricultural lease renewals as presented with a 10-year term effective January 1, 2026 and to authorize staff to seek bids on the 163 acres in Dawson and Gosper County with a 5-year term effective January 1, 2026. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Bogle voted no. Knoerzer abstained. The motion was declared carried.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain continues conversations with RJH about adding a coastal engineer to the design team and/or the Board of Consultants.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported the legislature adjourned sine die on June 2, 2025. The DNR and DEE merger bill will take effect July 1, 2025 and formally create the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment (DWEE). Governor Pillen vetoed the expenditure allocated in the budget to make improvements around Lake McConaughy, but failed to submit the veto by the deadline, so it will be included in the budget. The State of Nebraska continues to work towards acquiring land for the Perkins County Canal project. He anticipates a bill next session to create an Inspector General over political subdivisions. He received numerous cards and notes from senators thanking the District for sponsoring a meal during one of the late-night legislative sessions. Brundage stated no appropriation was made in this budget to the Water Sustainability Fund. Mike Drain reported on the lobbying efforts to include tax credit legislation in the reconciliation bill at the federal level that could help fund the Kingsley Dam refacing project.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Four States Irrigation Council Summer Tour in Nebraska, August 6-7, 2025 starting in Ogallala
- b. Four States Irrigation Council Annual Meeting, January 14-15, 2026 in Northglenn, CO

PERSONNEL: None.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: All directors were present.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS: Director Tom Jasnoch and Devin Brundage will host a discussion with LMLI and lessees during their annual meeting on Saturday discuss current operations and various projects in the District.

LEGAL UPDATE: Carson Messersmith had nothing new to report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,235.4, 985,000 acre feet and 56.6% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 830 cfs and outflows are 1740 cfs. Around 1,600 cfs of the outflows are being made from the Environmental Account for seed germination suppression in the Platte River at the request of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
- b. Scott Dicke reported water was pumped into Elwood Reservoir and diverted into the Johnson, Linder and Victor Waterfowl Production Areas. Nearly 1,500-acre feet of groundwater recharge occurred the past week from excess flows. Irrigation demand has decreased due to the recent rain.
- c. Cory Steinke reported the new dredge is still being manufactured and should be finished soon. Improvements to the road accessing the Diversion Dam are nearing completion. Devin Brundage attended a recent meeting of the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Board where they recommended approval of a conditional permit to the Lincoln County Commissioners for GRIT to operate their sand removal business at the Diversion Dam.
- d. Mike Drain continues working on various dam safety reports and coordinating with management to ensure the items identified by FERC during the recent inspection that need work are completed. Interviews will begin soon for the Land Administrator position in Holdrege.
- e. Anton Hassebrook displayed photos of the Jeffrey unloader upgrade, repairs to leaking copper pipes inside the generator discovered during the recent Kingsley maintenance outage, and cavitation on the Kingsley turbine that will require repair during the next outage. He reported on repairs for a broken gate cable at the J1 forebay and an outage on the 34.5KV transformer at Jeffrey resulting from a bird contacting the live 34.5KV bus.
- f. Alex Linden has tours scheduled this summer with tenants from Johnson Lake and Jeffrey Reservoir. A group from Farm Bureau is touring Lake McConaughy and Kingsley Dam today. New and refurbished signs for all District offices will be installed soon.
- g. Eric Hixson continues working to connect the Cottonwood Ranch gates to the SCADA system.
- h. Rochelle Jurgens noted NPPD will conduct an audit of the Kingsley Hydro financials in August. She reported that the District's 2024 financial audit is not yet completed.
- i. Devin Brundage discussed a letter being sent to an adjacent landowner at Elwood Reservoir for trespassing and unpermitted use on District property. He attended his first meeting of the Water Quality and Quantity Taskforce on June 2, 2025 which he was appointed to by Governor Pillen. He thanked the directors for traveling to this meeting and suggested a quick tour of the Diversion Dam if time allows.

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

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director R. Olson to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 10:16 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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL WORKING SESSION (BOARD RETREAT) OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NEBRASKALAND BANK
1400 SOUTH DEWEY STREET
NORTH PLATTE, NE
JUNE 5, 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 May 30, 2025, and through legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, Kearney Hub, and North Platte Telegraph on May 29, 2025, and the Lexington Clipper-Herald on May 31, 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 May 7, 2025 giving the time, date, and place of this meeting.

The following Directors were present:

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

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.	Anton Hassebrook, Hydroelectric Ops. Super.
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Carson Messersmith, Legal Counsel
Michael A. Drain, Nat. Resource & Compliance Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Scott Dicke, Irrigation Division Manager	

Others:

Reed McClymont	Rob Hinrichs
Joe Bilka	Todd Garrelts
Jeff Ryan	Logan Reed
Tanner Nelson	Greg Wilke
	Senator Mike Jacobson-District 42

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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 10:30 a.m. Board President Shepherd announced the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

INFRASTRUCTURE – PLANNING AND FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT & EXPANSION: Devin Brundage gave a presentation titled Kingsley Dam Facing Funding Sources.

Senator Mike Jacobson arrived at 12:00 p.m. and addressed the board about the work the legislature completed this past session and joined the board for lunch.

A break for lunch was taken at 12:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:05 p.m.

At 1:17 PM it was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Bogle to enter Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Robison voted no. The motion was declared carried. President Shepherd announced the reason for entering into Closed Session is for the discussion of the following agenda item: Infrastructure – Planning and Funding for Maintenance, Improvement & Expansion. 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

At 1:42 PM it was moved by Director Soneson 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, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Shepherd stated the discussion held in Closed Session was limited to the following agenda item: Infrastructure – Planning and Funding for Maintenance, Improvement & Expansion.

Brundage presented a spreadsheet to run various scenarios to fund large infrastructure projects, using a theoretical cost of \$250M for the Kingsley Dam Refacing Project, through new revenues, revenue increases, or cost reductions using a variety of methods.

A break was taken at 3:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:22 p.m.

PERSONNEL AND SUCCESSION PLANNING: Due to time constraints, this topic was tabled and will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.