

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  
JUNE 27, 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 June 20, 2025, and through legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on June 23, 2025, and the Kearney Hub, North Platte Telegraph, and Lexington Clipper-Herald on June 21, 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 June 11, 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

*\*arrived at 9:05 a.m.*

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops Mgr.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops Mgr.	Alex Linden, Gov't & Public Relations Mgr.
Michael A. Drain, Nat. Resource & Compliance Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel

Others:

Abby Dobson, FORVIS	Reed McClymont
Daprese Madlock, FORVIS	Carson Messersmith

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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: Three consents were approved for Johnson Lake in June, 2025.

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

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager or Designee 6/27/2025				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
1.	Black Hills Energy	SW1/4 19-6-19	REPLACE OVERHEAD NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION LINE WITH A BURIED LINE.	05/05/2025 \$530.00
2.	Petersen Bros Farming Partnership	S1/2NE1/4 33-7-15	Install a 12'x12' pivot pad on Central ROW and a 3'x5' concrete pad for a rotary converter. Also, an electric line in 2.5" conduit to pump site.	05/29/2025
3.	Phelps County Historical Society	SW1/4 29-7-19	Installation of a sign for educational purposes.	05/29/2025
4.	Consolidated Companies, Inc.	SE1/4SW1/4 27-9-23 NE1/4NE1/4 34-9-23 SE1/4NE1/4 34-9-23 NW1/4NW1/4 35-9-23 NE1/4NE1/4 3-8-23	INSTALL TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES AND APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT	06/06/2025 \$2,700.00
5.	Jeffrey Lake Development Inc.	SE1/4 9-11-27	Permit to Construct - Placement of 4'W x 24'L Dock	05/14/2025
6.	North Point Area Association	NE1/4 Section 31-9-22	Permit to Construct - Plant 6 Colorado Blue Spruce trees	05/15/2025
7.	Bass Bay Area Association	SW1/4SE1/4 31-9-22	Permit to Construct -Assist with proper drainage of water with construction of concrete flume area	05/27/2025
8.	TFD Investments LLC	2A Merriweather Dr. 11	Permit to Operate- Vacation Rental	04/21/2025 \$500.00
9.	Second Chance Cabin LLC	2 North Point Dr. 13	Permit to Operate – Vacation Rental	05/04/2025 \$500.00

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 6/27/2025 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
10.	EDM Properties & Millstone Lakeshore	1 North Point Dr. 13	DWEL - Construct a new pitched roof over existing roof	05/09/2025
11.	Johnson, Marlin	3 Perch Bay	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	05/12/2025
12.	Hockley, Kathryn & Eisenhart, Annette	13 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	SWAF - Install 4'W Access to the shoreline	05/12/2025 \$50.00
13.	Malcom, Zane & Joscelyn	22 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	SWAF ATF - Install Jet-Ski Lift 6'W x 9'L	05/14/2025 \$200.00
14.	Girardin, James & Debra	48 Bass Bay Dr. 16	SWAF - Install 4' x 48' Aluminum Dock	05/16/2025 \$50.00
15.	Malcom, Zane & Joscelyn	22 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	DWEL - Construct new 4' high brick fence	05/19/2025
16.	Butler, John & Linette	2 South Crappie Corner Dr. 3	SWAF - Install 4'W x 8'L Dock Section	05/19/2025 \$50.00

17.	Houseman, Eric & Latisha	46 Bass Bay Dr. 16	SWAF - Install 8'W x 8'L Dock Section	05/19/2025 \$50.00
18.	Wohlgemuth, David & Brenda	4 South Crappie Corner Dr. 3	SWAF - Install 4'W x 4'L Concrete Pad	05/19/2025 \$50.00
19.	Baker, Rodney & Shauna	30 north Shore Dr. 8	DWEL - Construct 30" x 70" raised planter box	05/20/2025
20.	Uden, Craig & Terri	48 North Shore Dr. 8	DWEL - Construct enlarged elevated deck	05/22/2025
21.	Bass Pad IV	8 Perch Bay Addn Dr. 7	DWEL - Construct new 5' x 14' on grade concrete slab	05/22/2025
22.	Freeborn, Brian & Mary	8 Mallard Cove Dr. 19	DWEL - Construct 30' x 10' x 8' metal car port	06/02/2025
23.	Martinez, Juan & Balaseviciute, Vesta	11 Park Lane Dr. 28	DWEL - Construct new on grade concrete pads	06/02/2025
24.	Leevers, John & Tania	38 North Point Dr. 13	DWEL - Construct an extension of an existing pitched roof	06/03/2025
25.	Dahlgren, Callan & Shana	17 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	SWAF - Install 6'W x 9'L Jet-Ski Lift	06/03/2025 \$50.00
26.	Fagot, David & Margaret	21 Perch Bay Dr. 6	SWAF - Install 4'W x 8'L Dock, 4'W x 80'L Dock	06/04/2025 \$50.00
27.	Halliwell, Cory & Becky	38 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Construct new 2-story detached garage	06/09/2025
28.	Zauha, Judy	57 North Point Dr. 13A	SWAF - Install 6'W x 9'L Jet-Ski Lift	06/09/2025 \$50.00
29.	Steffens, William & Corinne	19 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Pour new on grade concrete patio	06/10/2025
30.	Orcutt, Stephen & Kathleen	141 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14E	SWAF - Install 2 - 6'W x 9'L Floating Jet-Ski Lifts	06/10/2025 \$50.00
31.	Westesen, Jay & Lisa	20 Merriweather Dr. 11	SWAF - Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation	06/10/2025 \$50.00
32.	Grupe, Adam & Heather	96 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14	SWAF - Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation, 5'W x 20'L Dock	06/11/2025 \$50.00
33.	Melliger, David & Suzanne	6 Mallard Beach Dr. 19B	SWAF - Install 2 - 4'W x 8'L Dock Sections, 10'W x 10'L Shorestation	06/11/2025 \$50.00
34.	Poore, Dana & Karen	7 Mallard Cove Dr. 19	DWEL - Construct a new detached metal framed carport	06/12/2025
35.	Bartfull 6	1A Crappie Corner	VEG - Tree removal	06/18/2025

<div>Permits to Construct</div> <div>Approved by Land Administration Department</div> <div>6/27/2025 – Jeffrey Lake</div>				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
36.	Hecox, Marsha Jim	80 Lakeview Road	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	05/08/2025
37.	Hyatt, Mark	93 Pelican Drive	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	05/12/2025
38.	Canfield, Jeff & Sara	91 Pelican Drive	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	05/13/2025
39.	Healey, James	95 Pelican Drive	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	05/21/2025
40.	Oscar Blaine Peterson Trust	60 S Lakeview Road	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	05/21/2025

41.	Tetley, Jerry	33 S Lakeview Rd	VEG - Tree removal and trimming	05/22/2025
42.	Stienike, Nathan & Daphne	74 Pelican Dr.	ECS - Replace existing railroad ties that have rotted	05/23/2025
43.	Shepherd, Dell	28 Lakeview Dr.	VEG - Tree removal	06/09/2025
44.	Pell, Danville & Kathryn	111 S Shore Dr.	SWAF - Install 8'W x 10'L Dock, 10'W x 22'L Shorestation	06/10/2025 \$50.00
45.	France, Joe & Katherine	57 S Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Install 6'W x 20'L Jet-Ski Lift	06/16/2025 \$50.00
46.	Dilley, Timothy	55 S. Lakeview Road	VEG - Tree Removal	06/18/2025
47.	Lee, Adam & Holly	5 Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation	06/18/2025 \$50.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 6/27/2025 – Lake McConaughy				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
48.	Einspahr, Darryl & Sally	4 K-4 Rd	DWEL - Construct a new wood framed awning with steel roof	06/09/2025
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 6/27/2025 – Plum Creek				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
49.	W.W.W.S Limited Partnership	8 Plum Creek Canyon Dr 12A	ECS - Construct a new retaining wall	05/14/2025
50.	W.W.W.S. Limited Partnership	8 Plum Creek Canyon Drive 12A	DWEL - Construct new on grade patio area	05/14/2025

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: None.

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

- a. Purchase Requisition No. 31950 – Rehabilitation of Kingsley Generator Breaker (\$40,517.00)

PROGRESS ESTIMATE NO. 5 (FINAL), CONTRACT NO. 0-737, GROUP NO. 24-16 – VMI INC. FOR DIESEL POWERED MOBILE CUTTER SUCTION DREDGE (\$7,955.34): Cory Steinke reported the new dredge was received. It is being utilized by District staff and it is pumping sediment much faster than the old machine. He is working with VMI on a couple warranty issues. He recommended making the final payment to VMI of \$7,955.34 and closing the contract.

Director Robison arrived at 9:05 a.m.

ELWOOD SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECT: Scott Dicke and Tyler Thulin participated in a demonstration of a pipe inspection camera that costs around \$120,000 as part of investigating solutions to complete drain inspections and finalizing contractor requirements to close out the project. They plan to test another camera that is about half the price.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Scott Dicke worked with legal counsel to prepare a Request for Proposals for CMAR contractors for the E-65 Siphon Project, and it has been published. He received confirmation yesterday of being awarded a \$3M WaterSmart grant from the Bureau of Reclamation. He will contact the Bureau to discuss the federal requirements needed to comply with the grant conditions.

SUPPLY CANAL BRIDGES: Cory Steinke and legal counsel are reviewing potential agreements with Dawson and Gosper counties about various bridges along the Supply Canal. Work on the Hog Farm and Schilling bridges continues to progress.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain discussed the wind speed, wave height and other important data the buoys at Lake McConaughy are collecting. He selected a third person for the Board of Consultants which will perform an independent evaluation of the benefits and risks of a partial or full replacement of the dam facing. The individuals selected for the Board of Consultants will require approval from the board and FERC.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL UPDATE: Devin Brundage continues efforts to educate senators, stakeholders and other public power and irrigation districts about the project. Around 30% of the engineering and design work is done. The tentative timeline for the project has construction beginning in 2029 and ending in 2032.

RECAP OF JUNE 5, 2025 STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK SESSION: Devin Brundage again presented the "What If" spreadsheet to run various scenarios to finance the Kingsley Dam Refacing Project through various new and existing revenue sources and potential expense reductions. He encouraged directors to contact him if they have any ideas that have not already been considered.

A break was taken at 11:02 a.m.

Director Rowe exited the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:13 a.m.

2024 FINAL AUDIT REPORT BY FORVIS: Abby Dobson of FORVIS was present to review the Audit Report and Financial Statements and Disclosures for the year ending December 31, 2024.

A break for lunch was taken at 11:33 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:55 a.m.

LEGISLATION: Mike Drain stated it appears unlikely that the infrastructure tax credit legislation will make it into the reconciliation bill. Alex Linden is following candidacy announcements for the next election. The offices of the NDNR and NDEE will combine on July 1, 2025, creating the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment (DWEE).

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: President Shepherd attended an employee safety council meeting in Bertrand on June 18, 2025. He advised directors to avoid criticizing District staff members while in public. If legitimate concerns about an employee exist, President Shepherd asked directors to contact Devin Brundage. Director Soneson inquired about the use of the new pump-in policy due to the recent rainfall. Scott Dicke confirmed several permits have been issued.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues conversations with ATC's legal regarding the damaged underground pipeline. He obtained a signed lease with an individual for the Chapel of the Lake at Johnson Lake. He has been communicating with the Gosper County Attorney about a potential bridge agreement. The RFP for the CMAR process has been legally published.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Cory Steinke presented photos and videos of the new dredge in operation. He also reported the new dragline was delivered.
- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,231.5, 899,000 acre feet and 52% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 600 cfs and outflows are 1,625 cfs. Around 98,509-acre feet were released from the Environmental Account and releases ended June 21, 2025.

- c. Scott Dicke reported on excess flows into Elwood Reservoir. The USFWS requested the delivery of excess flows into the Victor WPA only as they are conducting some maintenance projects in other WPAs. He has been occupied with the WaterSmart grant, pump-in permits, and interviewing for a mechanic in Holdrege. Crews are treating the canals to prevent the growth of aquatic vegetation.
- d. Mike Drain will introduce the new Land Administrator at the board meeting on July 7, 2025. He has been working on DSSMR reports, filing a structural analysis report with FERC, and slope stability and wave runup studies that are due to FERC in August. An Emergency Action Plan tabletop exercise will be held in August, with a functional exercise being conducted in October. He and McKinley Harm will observe the comprehensive assessment process at a project in Wisconsin this fall.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens provided background on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) adjustments from FORVIS.
- f. Eric Hixson stated the annual insurance inspection is coming up and crews continue working to connect the Cottonwood Ranch gates to the SCADA system.
- g. Alex Linden participated in the Swedish Days parade last Saturday and is helping with the Bertrand parade tomorrow. He conducted a tour yesterday with staff from The Flatwater Group and Tri-Basin NRD. The Jeffrey Lake residents tour was canceled due to lack of participation. Central is hosting the Four States tour in August.
- h. Devin Brundage and Tom Jasnoch met with LMLI and lessees in Ogallala on June 7, 2025. He provided instructions to the directors to migrate them over to a District email account and Charley Brewster reviewed proper use of email for District business with the directors.

PERSONNEL: This was discussed in Closed Session.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mike Drain	NHA Board & Regional Meeting	Fitchburg, MA	July 20-25, 2025

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Four States Irrigation Council Tour, August 6-7, 2025, starting at Lake McConaughy
- b. 2025 Water & Natural Resources Tour, November 2-7, 2025, Phoenix, AZ

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Land & Recreation Committee Meeting – July 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Gothenburg

**At 12:47 PM it was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Boyle to enter Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robinson, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Rowe was absent. The motion was declared carried. President Shepherd announced the reason for entering into Closed Session is for the discussion of the following agenda item: Personnel. The reason for entering into Closed Session was for discussion of a sensitive personnel matter.**

**C L O S E D   S E S S I O N**

**At 12:50 PM it was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Jasnoch 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, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Rowe was absent. 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: Personnel.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.



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A postcard was mailed to each Director on June 11, 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

*\*participated by Zoom*

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
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Scott Dicke, Irrigation Division Manager	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others:

Tracy Martinez	John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD
Kendra Podbregar, Tri-Basin NRD Intern	Ashley Wacker, Tri-Basin NRD Intern

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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: John Thorburn stated the Tri-Basin NRD has been conducting chemigation inspections and taking water quality samples. He suggested if the District were to construct a pedestrian bridge along the Hike/Bike Trail at the inlet at Johnson Lake that Tri-Basin might have some funding available for the recreational trail portion of that construction. He introduced Tri-Basin's summer interns, Kendra Podbregar and Ashley Wacker. Tracy Martinez described areas along the Platte River and canal system where safety could be enhanced for kayakers and canoers through signage and access improvements.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed at the June 27, 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 June 5, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Working Session (Board Retreat) of the Board of Directors held June 5, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held June 27, 2025**
- **Approval of the July Disbursements:**

<u>Hydro Division:</u>	
Check #s 74518, 75349 & 75351-VOID; Check #s 75308 through 75582 & 8901719 through 8901751 (Accounts Payable)	\$3,754,923.06
Payroll	\$607, 741.17
<u>Kingsley Division:</u>	
Check #s 3776 through 3783 (Accounts Payable)	\$155,897.21
<u>Glendo Division:</u>	
None	\$NONE

- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 31950 – Rehabilitation of Kingsley Generator Breaker (\$40,517.00)**
- **Approval of Progress Estimate No. 5 (Final), Contract No. 0-737, Group No. 24-16 – VMI Inc. for Diesel Powered Mobile Cutter Suction Dredge (\$7,955.34)**

It was moved by Director Soneson 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.

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

- a. Purchase Requisition No. 31892 – Beveridge Inc. for Diversion Dam Road Upgrade (\$76,361.71)

It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Knoerzer to approve Purchase Requisition No. 31892 with Beveridge Inc. for the road upgrade at the Diversion Dam in the amount of \$76,361.71 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.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: There was nothing new to report.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden attended a golf outing with several state senators last week. Congressman Don Bacon announced he will not seek re-election in 2026. Several individuals have already announced their candidacy for Nebraska’s 2<sup>nd</sup> congressional district. Devin Brundage and staff continue their efforts to pursue the passage of the S.1183 tax credit legislation that would benefit the Kingsley Dam refacing project.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Four States Irrigation Council Tour, August 6-7, 2025, starting at Lake McConaughy
- b. 2025 Water & Natural Resources Tour, November 2-7, 2025, Phoenix, AZ

PERSONNEL: This was discussed in Closed Session.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: All directors were present.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS: Director David Nelson commented on the amount of phragmites in the river. President Shepherd and Director Jasnoch reported on how busy District lakes were over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster had nothing new to report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Luke Ritz introduced Nathan Fleecs as the new land administrator in Holdrege.
- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,230.4, 884,000 acre-feet and 50.7% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 450 cfs and outflows are 1,600 cfs.
- c. Scott Dicke reported on groundwater recharge that occurred between June 25-July 3 using excess flows. Around 3,600-acre feet went into Elwood Reservoir, 350-acre feet to Victor WPA, and nearly 390-acre feet to the Funk WPA. The RFPs for the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) for the E-65 Siphon Project are due by July 29, 2025.
- d. Rochelle Jurgens has begun preparing for NPPD's audit of Kingsley Hydro next month. With the completion of the 2024 audit, she is getting caught up on the monthly financial reports.
- e. Alex Linden and Scott Dicke will provide a tour of the District to the NSIA board tomorrow and they will hold their annual meeting at District Headquarters in Holdrege. He continues efforts to schedule tours with senators and stakeholders.
- f. Cory Steinke displayed photos of the Hog Farm Bridge and noted work continues on the Schilling Bridge. He is coordinating with legal counsel about potential bridge agreements with Dawson, Gosper and Lincoln counties.
- g. Devin Brundage reported the Colors of Water dashboard tool being designed by LRE Water will be available soon and it will be linked to the website once available. He will attend a Natural Resources Commission scoring meeting this week to review applications for the Water Sustainability Fund.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS: A Land and Recreation Committee Meeting will be held on July 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Gothenburg.

A break was taken at 9:42 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:52 a.m.

**At 9:52 AM it was moved by Director R. Olson 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, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. The motion was declared carried. President Shepherd announced the reason for entering into Closed Session is for the discussion of the following agenda item: Personnel – Succession Planning. The reason for entering into Closed Session was for discussion of personnel matters.**

C L O S E D   S E S S I O N

At 10:29 AM it was moved by Director Jasnoch and seconded by Director Soneson to exit Closed Session to reconvene in Regular Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, 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: Personnel – Succession Planning.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Soneson to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of the Board at 10:29 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

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Tim Boyle, Secretary

By 

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Kyle Shepherd, President