

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
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA
JULY 25, 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 July 18, 2025, and through legal publication in the Holiday Daily Citizen on July 21, 2025, the Kearney Hub, North Platte Telegraph, and Lexington Clipper-Herald on July 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 e-mailed to each Director on July 11, 2025.

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	Anton Hassebrook, Hydroelectric Ops Super.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Steve Osterbuhr, Irrigation Super.
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops Mgr.	Luke Ritz, Senior Land Administrator
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Jim Brown, Compliance Coordinator
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Alex Linden, Gov't & Public Relations Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer	

Others:

Todd Garrelts	Reed McClymont
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Board President Shepherd announced that information for the public concerning the Open Meetings Act was available for interested parties to view.

At 9:00 a.m. the Board President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: Todd Garrelts invited the directors and management staff to participate in Tri-Basin NRD's board retreat following their board meeting in Kearney on August 20, 2025.

CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR PHILLIPS CANYON LAKE BOAT RAMP CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: Cory Steinke presented three bids for the boat ramp concrete construction as follows: Sorensen Group, Inc. - \$129,525.00; Tracy Cook Construction - \$172,167.08; and Husker Engineering Inc. - \$179,400.00. Steinke reminded the directors that the District is obligated to pay a total of \$130,000.00 for the cost of the project, with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission paying the balance. Staff recommended accepting the proposal from the Sorensen Group, Inc. in the amount of \$129,525.00.

It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to accept the proposal from Sorensen Group, Inc. in the amount of \$129,525.00 for the Phillips Canyon Lake Boat Ramp Concrete Construction Project and to authorize the General Manager to execute and related contract documents. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Those voting no were: Bogle and Rowe. The motion was declared carried.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: All directors were present.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Soneson to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board at 9:09 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. None voted no and the motion was declared carried.

MINUTES OF WORKING MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA
JULY 25, 2025 – 9:00 A.M

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A notice giving the time, date, and place of this meeting was mailed to each Director on July 10, 2025.

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	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Anton Hassebrook, Hydroelectric Ops Super.
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops Mgr.	Steve Osterbuhr, Irrigation Super.
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Luke Ritz, Senior Land Administrator
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Alex Linden, Gov't & Public Relations Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Michael A. Drain, Nat. Ressources & Compliance Mgr.*	

(*via Zoom at 9:23 a.m.)

Others:

Todd Garrelts	Reed McClymont
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At 9:09 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 July, 2025.

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

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager or Designee 7/25/2025				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
1.	Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	SW1/4 7-6-15	Licensee is permitted to install underground power distribution cables and associated above grade appurtenant equipment.	07/02/2025 \$980.00

Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 7/25/2025 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
2.	Carlson, Lanny & Karen	16 North Cove Dr. 10	DWEL - Construct new replacement steps from entry location	06/18/2025
3.	Reynolds, Rod & Susan	33 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Construct new 68' x 64' x 24' high garage/storage building	06/23/2025
4.	Nelson, Bryan	25 Kirby Point Dr. 2	SWAF - Install 4'W x 8'L Dock Section, 6'W x 9'L Jet-Ski Lift	06/24/2025 \$50.00
5.	Olson, Jon	145 Mallard Beach Dr. 23	DWEL - Construct a new 2-story dwelling with attached garage	06/25/2025
6.	Epley, D Jane & Lilyhorn, Jeffrey	96 Mallard Beach	DWEL - Construct retaining wall	06/26/2025
7.	Fuller, Tom	1 Merriweather	VEG - tree removal	06/26/2025
8.	Mazerall, Mark	55 Mallard Beach So Bay Dr. 21	SWAF - Install 3'W x 10'L Dock, 5'W x 10'L Dock	06/26/2025 \$50.00
9.	Hoehner, Christopher & Sarah	4 East lane Dr. 28	DWEL - Construct a new 2-story dwelling with an elevated upper deck	06/27/2025
10.	Moseley, James & Theresa	16 Lane One Dr. 28	DWEL - Remove existing entry concrete landing and replace with new concrete entry landing	06/29/2025
11.	Potter, Kirk & Jenny	21 North Cove Dr. 10	DWEL - Construct new dwelling with walkout lower level	06/30/2025
12.	Pristine Rentals	31 North Shore Dr. 8	DWEL - Remove existing broken up asphalt and replace with new 9' x 32' on grade concrete slab	07/01/2025
13.	Rutenbeck, Terry & Angela	1 North Cove Dr. 10	SWAF - Install 104' dock, 10' x 10' jet-ski lift, 11' x 11' boat lift	07/01/2025 \$50.00
14.	Schmidt, Rodney & Colleen	7 Kirby Point Dr. 2	SWAF - Install 6'W x 9'L Jet-Ski Lift	07/01/2025 \$50.00
15.	TFD Investments	2A Merriweather	DWEL - Construct 12' x 40' elevated deck	07/02/2025
16.	Dillard, Bradley & Avis	1 Sandy Point Dr. 24	SWAF - Install 6'W x 9'L Jet-Ski Lift	07/02/2025 \$50.00
17.	Ortegren, Jack & Margaret	128 Mallard Beach Dr. 22A	SWAF - Replace existing concrete sidewalk	07/07/2025 \$50.00
18.	Zecha, Sandra	37 Mallard Cove	SWAF - Install 10'W x 24'L Shorestation, 2'W x 24'L Dock Section	07/07/2025 \$50.00
19.	Harris, Timothy & Kristine	1A East Shore Dr. 2	DWEL - Construct a new dwelling with attached garage	07/10/2025
20.	Butler Farms Inc	51 Sandy Point Dr. 24A	SWAF - Install 4'W x 8'L Dock Section, 12'W x 12'L Shorestation, 6'W x 6'L Jet-Ski Lift	07/10/2025 \$50.00

21.	McClure, Richard	27 Sandy Point Dr. 24A	SWAF - Install 8'W x 8'L Dock Section	07/11/2025 \$50.00
22.	Brush, Troy & Terri	29 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14A	SWAF - Install 3'W x 5'L Dock	07/14/2025 \$50.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 7/25/2025 – Jeffrey Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
23.	Brady Bunch Lake Ventures LLC	69 S Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Install 12'W x 12'L Shorestation, 4'W x 32'L Dock, 6'W x 9'L Jet-Ski Lift	06/24/2025 \$50.00
24.	Bernero, Bradley & Diane	17 Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Construct 5'W x 8'L Access to the shoreline	07/03/2025 \$50.00
25.	Hiebner, Royce & Brenda	2 Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Install 10'W x 24'L Shorestation	07/10/2025 \$50.00
26.	Hiatt, Mark	93 Pelican Dr.	VEG - Tree removal	07/16/2025
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 7/25/2025 – Lake McConaughy				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
27.	Cosentino, Bill & Cindy	70 K-1	VEG - Tree removal	06/30/2025
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 7/25/2025 – Midway Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
28.	Payne, Forest & Joan	26 Stange Circle	SWAF - Install 10'W x 24'L Shorestation	07/14/2025 \$50.00

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: None.

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

- a. Work Order No. 107499 – Supply Canal 26.9 Site Refurbishment (\$79,527.00)

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING (7/14/25): Luke Ritz provided a summary of the discussions held during the July 14, 2025 meeting and noted the committee voted to recommend Board action on the following item:

- a. Land Administration Policy Review and Updates: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval to update the format and include edits to the following policies:
 - i. LA-03 – Delinquent Residential Lease Payments
 - ii. LA-09 – Johnson Lake Subleasing Policy (approved August 3, 2020)
 - iii. LA-12 - Lake McConaughy Residential Lease Transfer, Renewal and Rental Schedule Policies (approved October 27, 2017)
 - iv. LA-13 - Johnson Lake, Merriweather, Lakeview Acres, and Plum Creek Reservoir Residential Lease Transfer, Renewal and Rental Schedule Policies (approved July 5, 2017 and amended February 5, 2024)

CHANGE THE DATE OF THE AUGUST WORKING MEETING FROM AUGUST 22, 2025 TO AUGUST 26, 2025: Due to scheduling conflicts for some directors and management staff, Brundage suggested holding the August Working Meeting on August 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at District HQ.

Michael A. Drain joined the meeting by Zoom at 9:23 a.m.

ELWOOD DAM SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECT: Scott Dicke continues to investigate solutions to conduct video inspections of the drain system and finalize contractor requirements to close out the project.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Scott Dicke has been communicating with the Bureau of Reclamation about the WaterSmart grant conditions and requirements. The RFPs for the CMAR contractors are due next week. He would like to call a meeting of the Special Projects Committee to review the contractor proposals in the coming weeks.

SUPPLY CANAL BRIDGES: Devin Brundage reported staff and legal counsel continue their efforts to achieve potential cooperative agreements with Dawson and Gosper counties for various bridges along the Supply Canal. The Hog Farm Bridge is open, but crews are working to finish the abutments. Work on the Schilling Bridge continues to progress.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain suggested holding a Special Projects Committee meeting in the coming weeks. He expects those subcommittee meetings will need to take place approximately every six months through the duration of the project. Brundage and Alex Linden met with Governor Pillen this week to provide him with an overview and update of the Kingsley Dam refacing project.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT & EXPANSION: Brundage revisited a presentation titled Kingsley Dam Facing Funding Sources and utilized a spreadsheet to run various scenarios to develop revenues from benefits resulting from Central's underground storage of its surface water. Mike Drain provided a brief recap of the history of the District acquiring its U2 and U12 Underground Storage Appropriations. Brundage reported this presentation concluded the series related to the overview of large infrastructure funding and indicated District staff would be looking to issue an RFP to provide options to retain a financial advisor for the board to consider.

A break was taken at 10:26 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:37 a.m.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL UPDATE: Devin Brundage reported the State of Nebraska filed a lawsuit against Colorado in the U.S. Supreme Court. He and Alex Linden continue their efforts to educate senators, stakeholders and other public power and irrigation districts about the project.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden stated the forecasting board has projected a deficit of \$95M for 2026 and Governor Pillen is aiming to trim 10% from the general fund budget. He is tracking new candidates for several state senate seats and waiting for hearings on interim studies to be scheduled.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Director Dudley Nelson commented on Senator Deb Fisher's advancement of over \$18M for Nebraska critical water infrastructure projects as part of the FY 2026 appropriations, which is pending consideration on the Senate floor. Director Knoerzer gave a tour of his farming and irrigation operation to a gentleman who farms in the Republic of the Congo.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues conversations with ATC's legal regarding the damaged underground pipeline. He is working on the next lease for the Chapel of the Lake at Johnson Lake. He has been communicating with the Gosper County Attorney about a potential bridge agreement. He mentioned a cabin owner at Lake McConaughy who would like to sublease his home but reported LMLI has previously voted against allowing subleasing at Lake McConaughy.

Director Knoerzer exited the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Cory Steinke reported on dredging efforts and interviews for a general maintenance position in Gothenburg.
- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,227.7, 820,800 acre feet and 47.8% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 370 cfs and outflows are 1,725 cfs.
- c. Alex Linden expects the Colors of Water dashboard tool to be available from LRE Water to demonstrate at an upcoming meeting. Governor Pillen committed to making a proclamation for Nebraska Hydropower Day. Tours with lake tenants continue, along with groups from the Phelps County Development Corporation and the Nebraska College of Technical Ag.
- d. Eric Hixson reported on the property insurance inspection that occurred this week.
- e. Scott Dicke displayed photos of pipeline repairs along the E-65 system. He is conducting interviews for the Holdrege mechanic position. He expects irrigation demand to increase next week due to the forecasted temperatures.
- f. Steve Osterbuhr is analyzing how much plastic pipeline installed in the 1970s-1980s still exists. Many of these areas of old plastic pipe have been breaking and he intends to create a plan to gradually replace it. He displayed videos of a drone spraying weeds along Elwood Dam.
- g. Rochelle Jurgens provided education about the monthly financial reports posted to the board website. She alerted the directors of an attempt by an individual to deposit a District check they intercepted in the mail and subsequently altered. She commended Nebraskaland Bank for catching the fraudulent attempt on the District’s account.
- h. Mike Drain and Jim Brown participated in NPPD’s Emergency Action Plan (EAP) functional exercise this week. The District’s EAP tabletop exercise will be held on August 27, 2025 and the functional exercise is scheduled for October 8, 2025. He is in Washington, D.C. currently at the NHA Chief Dam Safety Engineers Roundtable and attended the NHA board meeting this week.
- i. Devin Brundage attended a Natural Resources Commission meeting this week where the grant applications for Water Sustainability Funds (WSF) were scored, and four projects were awarded. He also participated in the Water Quality & Quantity Task Force (WQQTF) meetings this week. He reported on several directors and some staff members from NPPD that toured Lake McConaughy on July 9th.

PERSONNEL: None.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mike Drain	NHA Chief Dam Safety Engineers Roundtable	Washington, DC	August 5-6, 2025

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Four States Irrigation Council Tour, August 6-7, 2025, starting at Lake McConaughy
- b. 2025 Governor’s Summit: Growing Nebraska, August 13-14, 2025, Kearney
- c. 2025 Water & Natural Resources Tour, November 2-7, 2025, Phoenix, AZ

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Special Projects Committee – to be announced

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HOLDREGE, NE
AUGUST 4, 2025 – 9:00 A.M

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A postcard was mailed to each Director on July 10, 2025 giving the time, date, and place of this meeting.

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	David G. Nelson	David L. Rowe
		Matt Wells

The following Directors were absent: Tom Jasnoch and Kyle Shepherd

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
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Manager	

Others:

Joe Bilka	John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD
Larry Reynolds	Carson Messersmith

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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. Board Vice President Soneson 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. Tri-Basin will participate in the Four States tour later this week and an upcoming tour with the parties of the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture group.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed during the July 25, 2025 Working Meeting of the Board.

The Board Vice 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 July 7, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Directors held July 25, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held July 25, 2025**
- **Approval of the August Disbursements:**

Hydro Division:

Check #s 75459, 75563, 75585, & 8901762-VOID; 75583 through 75784 \$1,481,628.58
& 8901752 through 8901780 (Accounts Payable)

Payroll \$934,514.37

Kingsley Division:

Check #s 3784 through 3795 (Accounts Payable) \$63,157.60

Glendo Division:

None \$NONE

- **Approval of Work Order No. 107499 – Supply Canal 26.9 Site Refurbishment (\$79,527.00)**
- **Approval of the following District Policies:**
 - **LA-03 – Delinquent Residential Lease Payments**
 - **LA-09 – Johnson Lake Subleasing Policy (approved August 3, 2020)**
 - **LA-12 - Lake McConaughy Residential Lease Transfer, Renewal and Rental Schedule Policies (approved October 27, 2017)**
 - **LA-13 - Johnson Lake, Merriweather, Lakeview Acres, and Plum Creek Reservoir Residential Lease Transfer, Renewal and Rental Schedule Policies (approved July 5, 2017 and amended February 5, 2024)**
- **Approval of the date change for the August Working Meeting from August 22, 2025 to August 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at District Headquarters**

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

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: None.

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

LEGISLATION: Governor Pillen committed to signing a proclamation for Nebraska Hydropower Day to be recognized on August 24, 2025. Alex Linden will participate in a Federal Legislative Summit in Ashland this week.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Four States Irrigation Council Tour, August 6-7, 2025, starting at Lake McConaughy
- b. 2025 Governor’s Summit: Growing Nebraska, August 13-14, 2025, Kearney
- c. 2025 Water & Natural Resources Tour, November 2-7, 2025, Phoenix, AZ

PERSONNEL: None.

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS: Director David Nelson inquired about an upcoming conference he read about online, and Alex Linden stated it is the Great Plains Water Conference scheduled for September 18-19, 2025 at the Milo Bail Student Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Director Rowe complimented Brundage's recent radio interview on KRVN.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster had nothing new to report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Cory Steinke reported on an erosion issue at the Hog Farm Bridge that he is working to resolve. Dredging at the Diversion Dam is going well and the rental house there was vacated by the tenant. He expects a new dump truck to be delivered soon. The GRIT company should mobilize at the Diversion Dam in August and start processing sand by the fall. He continues efforts to achieve a bridge agreement with Gosper County. He reported on the hiring of Mike Johnston to fill the general maintenance vacancy in Gothenburg.
- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,226.4, 820,000 acre-feet and 46.2% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 650 cfs and outflows are 1,820 cfs. Thulin told the board that rain events have reduced releases, and he is diverting around 500 cfs less at the Diversion Dam than normal diversions this time of year.
- c. Devin Brundage reported on behalf of Mike Drain that FERC issued a determination on the Inflow Design Flood (IDF) study and he expects to proceed with additional studies that were contingent on it.
- d. Scott Dicke reported on increased flows anticipated in the Phelps and E-65 canals by the end of this week. He and Rochelle Jurgens have been working with the Bureau of Reclamation on the documentation requirements for the WaterSmart grant. He received seven responses to the E-65 Siphon CMAR Requests for Qualifications (RFQs). He will ask the Special Projects Committee to review the RFQs at a meeting scheduled for August 11, 2025.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens provided an update on the fraudulent check matter. She received notice that the retiree prescription drug plan premium is increasing by over 20%. Auditors from NPPD will be in the office next week.
- f. Alex Linden reported tours with lake tenants continue, along with groups from the Phelps County Development Corporation and the Nebraska College of Technical Ag. Dusty Way, Scott Dicke and he will participate in the Four States Irrigation Council tour of the District on August 6-7, 2025. He provided a demonstration of the Colors of Water dashboard tool created by LRE Water which will be live on the District's website in September.
- g. Eric Hixson informed the board that the Southwest Power Pool requested five extra hours of power generation on July 29, 2025 at the J-1 and J-2 hydros to help meet energy demand. A failed wicket gate transducer at the Kingsley hydro was repaired last week.
- h. Devin Brundage has several presentations scheduled in the coming weeks about the Perkins County Canal project and the Kingsley Dam refacing project.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Finance Committee – August 4, 2025 (immediately following this meeting)
- b. Special Projects Committee – August 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., Holdrege
- c. Tri-Basin Work Session – August 20, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at Younes Conference Center-South, Kearney

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Board Vice President Soneson at 9:39 a.m.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Tim Boyle, Secretary

By _____
Kyle Shepherd, President