

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
SEPTEMBER 26, 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 September 22, 2025, and through legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on September 18, 2025, and the Kearney Hub, North Platte Telegraph, and Lexington Clipper-Herald on September 20, 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 September 12, 2025.

The following Directors were present:

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

The following Director was absent: Kyle Shepherd

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Anton Hassebrook, Hydroelectric Ops. Super.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Luke Ritz, Senior Land Administrator (Zoom)
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops Mgr.	Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Dusty Way, Irrigation Ops. Super.
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops Mgr.	Steve Osterbuhr, Irrigation Super.
Alex Linden, Gov't & Public Relations Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others:

Carson Messersmith	Reed McClymont
Nancy Garrelts	Nolan Little, Tri-Basin NRD
Jeff Kletzmayer (via Zoom), President of LMLI	Gary Telitz (via Zoom)
Joe Arterburn (via Zoom)	

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

PUBLIC INPUT: Nolan Little reported on Tri-Basin's collection of static water measurements on wells. Jeff Kletzmayer, Gary Telitz and Joe Arterburn all appeared virtually by Zoom to comment on the increase in lease transfer and renewal fees for Lake McConaughy lessees and the development of lots in the K-1 cabin area. Jeff Kletzmayer, LMLI president, requested the Board consider a 90-day

reprieve of the policy. They also requested the District meet with K-1 lessees prior to selling any new lots within their area.

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

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

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager or Designee 9/26/2025				
Number	Name	Description	Permit & Purpose	Date Approved & Fee
1.	Joyce Peterson	SW1/4 11-6-16	Bury 8" 100# PVC pipe a minimum of 5 feet under the Phelps canal at 38.6-4.1-0.2 and 0.4.	08/26/2025 \$100.00
2.	Charter Communications	SE1/4 31-9-22	INSTALL UNDERGROUND POWER DISTRIBUTION CABLES AND ASSOCIATED ABOVE GRADE APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT.	09/08/2025 \$580.00
3.	Dawson Public Power District	SW1/4 6-8-22	INSTALL UNDERGROUND POWER DISTRIBUTION CABLES AND ASSOCIATED ABOVE GRADE APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT.	08/20/2025
4.	Dawson Public Power District	SE1/4 32-9-22	INSTALL UNDERGROUND POWER DISTRIBUTION CABLES AND ASSOCIATED ABOVE GRADE APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT.	08/20/2025
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/26/2025 – Johnson Lake				
Number	Name	Description	Permit & Purpose	Date Approved & Fee
5.	Chipper Co. LLC	6 & 7 Lakeview Acres	SWAF - Install 6'W Parallel sidewalk	08/21/2025 \$50.00
6.	Wendell, Monte & Cynthia	101 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14C	SWAF - Install 3'W x 12'L Gangway	08/25/2025 \$50.00
7.	Paulsen Inc.	55 North Point Dr. 13A	SWAF - Construct concrete steps	08/25/2025 \$50.00
8.	Sloboth, Barbara	26 East Shore Dr. 1A	DWEL - Construct new 30' x 80' x 18' high detached garage	08/26/2025
9.	Brown, Darin & Michelle	11 North Cove Dr. 10	DWEL - Construct on grade concrete patio	09/02/2025
10.	Flint, Michael & Corina	67 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	DWEL - Construct new dormer roof	09/05/2025

11.	Blach, John & Susan	37 Bass Bay Dr. 16	DWEL - Pour on grade concrete slab	09/05/2025
12.	Kopf, Jolene	1 Perch Bay Dr. 6	DWEL - Construct new 14' Deep Deck, 48' wide across	09/05/2025
13.	Paulsen Inc.	55 North Point Dr. 13A	SWAF - Construct concrete steps	09/05/2025 \$50.00
14.	Bowman, Kay	18 Kirby Point Dr. 2	ECS - Bank stabilization (Riprap) for 56.00 linear feet of the shoreline	09/08/2025
15.	Bass Bay Area Association	SW1/4 31-9N-22	Permit to Construct - Remove asphalt and replace with concrete for drainage project	09/09/2025
16.	Beattie, Barton & Shana	17 North Cove Dr. 10	DWEL- Extend existing concrete slab	09/09/2025
17.	Hatcher, Lynn	6 North Cove Dr. 10	DWEL - Remove and replace existing on grade concrete patio and construct a new 14' x 34' pitched roof patio.	09/11/2025
18.	Frerichs, Joan	134 Mallard Beach Dr. 22A	DWEL - Construct new on grade concrete slab	09/11/2025
19.	Edson, Wesley & Jacey	135 Mallard Beach Dr. 22A	DWEL - Construct two new on grade concrete slabs	09/11/2025
20.	Hoffman, J.F. & Alicia	10 North Cove Dr. 10	DWEL ATF - Previously installed a buried water drainage system	09/11/2025 \$100.00
21.	Tucker, Neil Kidger	37 Mallard Beach Dr. 20	SWAF - Install 2 - 5'W x 10'L Jet-Ski Lifts	09/15/2025 \$50.00
22.	Epley, Jane & Lilyhor, Jeffrey	96 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 49.00 linear feet of the shoreline	09/16/2025
23.	Jinks, Curtis & Khristine	128 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14D	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 50.00 linear feet of the shoreline.	09/18/2025
24.	Oliphant, June	21 East shore Dr. 1A	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 33.00 linear feet of the shoreline	09/16/2025
25.	Mallard Beach Sections 5-6	SW1/4 6-8N-22	Permit to Construct - Excavation of sediment	08/25/2025
26.	Mallard Beach Sections 5-6	SW1/4 6-8N-22	Permit to Construct - Drill test hole encased with 2-inch PVC pipe	08/26/2025
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/26/2025 – Jeffrey Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
27.	Rickett, Mitchel & Lorraine	21 Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Install 6'W x 10'L Swim Platform, 3'W x 20'L Dock	08/28/2025 \$50.00
28.	Gustafson, Glenn & Melody	92 Pelican Dr.	DWEL - Construct new stairs	08/19/2025
29.	Stienike, Harry & Connie	25 Lakeview Rd	DWEL - Construct new 6' high picket fence	08/22/2025

30.	R and J Cromer Revocable Living Trust	105 S Shore Dr	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 100.00 linear feet of the shoreline	08/25/2025
31.	R and J Cromer Revocable Living Trust	105 S. Shore Dr.	SWAF - Replace the existing structure in its current location	08/28/2025 \$50.00
32.	Cheetsos, David & Carol	89 Pelican Dr.	SWAF - Install 4"W x 16'L Dock	09/03/2025 \$50.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 9/26/2025 – Midway Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
33.	Whiting, Larry	6 Paulsen Loop	SWAF - Install 3 - 4'W x 8'L Dock Sections, 12'W x 12'L Shorestation	08/27/2025 \$50.00

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: None.

2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Anton Hassebrook presented Revision #8 to the 2025 Budget as follows:

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>HYDRO DIVISION CAPITAL</u>			
Gothenburg Control Center A/C	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000
Site Refurbishment 75.4	\$0	\$65,000	\$65,000

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

- a. Work Order No. 107523 – 75.4 Site Refurbishment (\$64,405.00)
- b. Work Order No. 107500 – Replace Control Center AC Unit (\$21,461.00)

PROGRESS PAYMENT ESTIMATE NO. 2 (FINAL), CONTRACT NO. 0-736 WITH GINGERICH STRUCTURES FOR CHEMICAL BUILDING \$163,200.00: Scott Dicke reported the construction of the building is complete and it has been inspected. Staff will begin moving chemicals from the Holdrege shop to the new building in the coming weeks. Staff recommended making final payment on the contract.

WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 9/16/2025: Scott Dicke presented a summary of the minutes of the September 16, 2025 meeting and noted the committee voted to recommend Board approval of the following items:

- a. 2026 Irrigation Schedule: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of beginning irrigation deliveries on June 6, 2026 and ending them on August 30, 2026.
- b. 2026 Irrigation Rates: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of no increase to the irrigation rates for 2026.

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF 9/22/25: Devin Brundage and Tim Boyle presented a summary of the minutes of the September 22, 2025 meeting and noted the committee voted to recommend Board approval of the following items:

- a. Pickleball Court Project, Johnson Lake Playground: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of the addition of the Johnson Lake Community Playground – Pickleball Project under the Memorandum of Agreement for the Construction and Maintenance of

Publicly Available Amenities at Johnson Lake, which was executed October 6, 2023, and to require the committee to closely coordinate with the East Shore Association and obtain their written approval.

- b. Contribution of \$10,000 from Lake Improvement Funds to the Pickleball Court Project at Johnson Lake: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of a contribution of \$10,000 in Lake Improvement Funds to the Johnson Lake Community Playground – Pickleball Project, to require the committee to closely coordinate with the District’s Public Relations Manager, and to receive recognition as a donor on a plaque.
- c. Bronze Sculpture Addition, Hike & Bike Trail near North Point, Johnson Lake: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of the addition of the Bronze Sculpture Project near North Point at Johnson Lake under the Memorandum of Agreement for the Construction and Maintenance of Publicly Available Amenities at Johnson Lake, which was executed October 6, 2023.
- d. Land Administration Policy Review and Updates: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of District policies LA-11 “Lease Ownership” and LA-18 “Signs” as amended, and to extend Lots 47, 48 and 50 Mallard Beach South Bay Drive 21, Johnson Lake, thereby eliminating the “Preexisting Garages Constructed Outside of Leased Lots at Johnson Lake” policy previously adopted by the Board of Directors on December 2, 2002.

WATER RATE FOR COOLING OR OTHER POWER PURPOSES: Cory Steinke explained the water service rate for cooling or other power purposes is to be reviewed annually pursuant to the policy established by the Board on October 4, 2021. Steinke reviewed the rate structure with the board and the process for making any changes. Staff recommended no change to the water service rate for cooling or other power purposes for 2026. No board action is required unless changes are desired.

MEAD & HUNT CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 18 – KINGSLEY DAM DESIGN FLOOD REPORT: Cory Steinke presented the contract amendment to allow Mead & Hunt to develop a memo summarizing the possible design floods for Kingsley Dam, including the design flood developed in 2016 and the two possible design floods developed in the April 2025 report. New outflow hydrographs for the various outflow structures at Kingsley Dam will also be included in this contract amendment which totals \$12,000 for said work, bringing the revised contract amount to \$986,354 for the project to date.

ELWOOD DAM SEEPAGE REPAIR PROJECT: Scott Dicke continues working with the project contractor to finalize contractor requirements to close out the project. The project appears to be approximately \$160,000 under budget and he anticipates making final payment to the contractor soon.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Scott Dicke reported the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the CMAR contractors will be sent to the top five contractors who submitted RFQs next week. He continues monitoring the price of pipe materials due to the tariffs. He has been in close communication with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the WaterSmart grant requirements.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Devin Brundage reported the wind and wave data collection continues and the consulting engineer progresses with their analysis of methods to repair the facing of Kingsley Dam.

A break was taken at 10:28 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:37 a.m.

SUPPLY CANAL BRIDGES: Cory Steinke and Charles Brewster continue working with Gosper County to negotiate an agreement. The District submitted a letter to the Gosper County Commissioners in support of their plans to apply for a Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant to replace the Johnson Lake Inlet Bridge.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT & EXPANSION: No update was provided.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL UPDATE: Devin Brundage and Alex Linden continue their outreach and education efforts with senators and others. Director Boyle circulated an article from the September 4, 2025 edition of the North Platte Telegraph regarding the project.

2026 MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT RENEWAL: Rochelle Jurgens reported on a 20% premium increase to the retirees' Medicare supplement plan renewal from \$229.33 to \$275.20 for 2026.

2026 BUDGET (PRELIMINARY): Rochelle Jurgens presented highlights from the preliminary budget, including estimated hydro generation, a breakdown of revenue sources, and large capital projects for 2026.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden is following potential legislative bills regarding battery storage and 2026 candidate announcements.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Director Boyle attended the NPPD nuclear site feasibility meeting in Lexington recently. Director Dave Nelson commented on discing in the Platte River east of the Minden interchange.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues conversations with the Gosper County Attorney about a potential bridge agreement. He completed his review of the CMAR process for the E-65 Siphon project RFPs and he has been working with staff on lease transfer and renewal issues.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,222.9, 733,500-acre feet and 42.4% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 1,050 cfs and outflows are 500 cfs. A portion of the outflows are for Glendo canal releases and cooling water for Gerald Gentleman Station. Johnson Lake is refilling and should reach normal elevations around October 4, 2025.
- b. Cory Steinke displayed photos of sand blasting the gate at the Jeffrey return structure so it can be painted and the new concrete boat ramp at Medo's at Johnson Lake. Work on the Phillips Canyon Lake boat ramp is progressing but has been slowed due to recent rains.
- c. Scott Dicke announced the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program voted not to continue the water leasing program for 2026. He has been working on the 2026 budget and irrigation invoices will be mailed to customers by October 1, 2025. Crews are working on several maintenance projects throughout the District.
- d. Dusty Way reported on 1,200 acre-feet of recharge last week from the E-65 Canal into the Victor and Cottonwood Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs).
- e. Steve Osterbuhr reported on the collapse of an apron sidewall at 9.7 on the Phelps Canal that created a large washout, requiring further investigation and immediate repair.
- f. Eric Hixson filed the annual self-certification with NERC for the District's cyber security plan. A system control operator resigned, so he has been advertising and reviewing candidates to fill the position.
- g. Anton Hassebrook displayed photos of hydro repairs completed during the Jeffrey outage and divers fixing gate cables at the J-2 forebay.
- h. Rochelle Jurgens has been working on the 2026 budget and employee benefit renewals. Representatives from Flatwater Bank were in the offices this week to provide retirement education to employees.

- i. Alex Linden reported that the 2025 Water & Natural Resources Tour to Arizona will likely be canceled due to low registrations. The next edition of The Communicator is printing next week. He will attend the Power Summit next week.
- j. Devin Brundage attended the Platte Program Governance Committee meeting last week where they voted to discontinue the water leasing program for 2026. The Program continues discussing the feasibility of an Elwood Reservoir outlet to release excess flows down Plum Creek. He also participated in Water Quality & Quantity Task Force (WQQTF) subcommittee meetings last week.

PERSONNEL: None.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mike Drain	NHA Clean Currents	Pittsburgh, PA	October 12-17, 2025
McKinley Harm	NHA Clean Currents	Pittsburgh, PA	October 12-17, 2025
Anton Hassebrook	NHA Clean Currents	Pittsburgh, PA	October 12-17, 2025
Mike Drain	FERC Project Comprehensive Assessment PFMA Session for Observers	Mauston, WI	October 28-30, 2025

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. 2025 Nebraska Wind & Solar Conference, October 20-22, 2025, Lincoln, NE
- b. NSIA/NWRA Joint Convention, November 24-25, 2025, Younes Conference Center South, Kearney, NE

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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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
Dudley L. Nelson, Treasurer	Bryant Knoerzer	David L. Rowe
	David G. Nelson	Matt Wells

The following Director was absent: Tim Boyle

Also present were the following:

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

Others:

Reed McClymont	Nolan Little, Tri-Basin NRD
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. Board President Shepherd announced the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: Nolan Little reported on Tri-Basin's collection of static water measurements on wells. They are nearly finished with Kearney County which is showing only a 6" average decline in levels over the irrigation season.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed during the September 26, 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.

Shepherd removed the following from the Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of the 2026 Irrigation Schedule of June 6, 2026 to August 30, 2026**
- **Approval of the addition of the Johnson Lake Community Playground – Pickleball Project under the Memorandum of Agreement for the Construction and Maintenance of Publicly Available Amenities at Johnson Lake, which was executed October 6, 2023, and to require the committee to closely coordinate with the East Shore Association and obtain their written approval**
- **Approval of a contribution of \$10,000 in Lake Improvement Funds to the Johnson Lake Community Playground – Pickleball Project, to require the committee to closely coordinate with the District’s Public Relations Manager, and to receive recognition as a donor on a plaque**

The following revised Consent Agenda was presented:

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held September 2, 2025**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held September 26, 2025**
- **Approval of the October Disbursements:**

<u>Hydro Division:</u>	
Check # 75993-VOID; Check #s 75970 through 76216 & 8901808 through 8901841 (Accounts Payable)	\$912,655.98
Payroll	\$597,549.84
<u>Kingsley Division:</u>	
Check #s 3801 through 3807 (Accounts Payable)	\$219,601.80
<u>Glendo Division:</u>	
Check # 1126	\$9,515.45

- **Approval of Amendment #8 to the 2025 Budget as follows:**

	<u>Current</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>HYDRO DIVISION CAPITAL</u>			
Gothenburg Control Center A/C	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000
Site Refurbishment 75.4	\$0	\$65,000	\$65,000

- **Approval of Work Order No. 107523 – 75.4 Site Refurbishment (\$64,405.00)**
- **Approval of Work Order No. 107500 – Replace Control Center AC Unit (\$21,461.00)**
- **Approval of Progress Payment Estimate No. 2 (Final), Contract No. 0-736 with Gingerich Structures for Chemical Building (\$163,200.00)**
- **Approval of the addition of the Bronze Sculpture Project near North Point at Johnson Lake under the Memorandum of Agreement for the Construction and Maintenance of Publicly Available Amenities at Johnson Lake, which was executed October 6, 2023**
- **Approval of the following Land Administration Policies:**
 - **LA-11 – Lease Ownership**
 - **LA-18 – Signs**
- **Approval to Extend Lots 47, 48 and 50 Mallard Beach South Bay Drive 21, Johnson Lake, thereby eliminating the “Preexisting Garages Constructed Outside of Leased Lots at Johnson Lake” policy previously adopted by the Board of Directors on December 2, 2002**
- **Approval of Amendment No. 18 to the Mead & Hunt Contract for the Kingsley Dam Design Flood Report**

➤ **Approval of the 2026 Medicare Supplement Renewal Rate of \$275.20**

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

2026 IRRIGATION SCHEDULE OF JUNE 6, 2026 TO AUGUST 30, 2026: It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director Jasnoch to approve the dates of the 2026 Irrigation Schedule of June 6, 2026 to August 30, 2026. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: Boyle. The motion was declared carried.

JOHNSON LAKE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND – PICKLEBALL PROJECT: It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Bogle to approve the addition of the Johnson Lake Community Playground – Pickleball Court under the Memorandum of Agreement for the Construction and Maintenance of Publicly Available Amenities at Johnson Lake, which was executed on October 6, 2023, and to require the playground committee to closely coordinate with the East Shore Association and to obtain their written approval. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Soneson, and Wells. Voting no was: Shepherd. Absent was: Boyle. The motion was declared carried.

CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,000 OF LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUNDS TO THE PICKLEBALL PROJECT: It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve a Lake Improvement Fund contribution of \$10,000.00 to the Johnson Lake Community Playground – Pickleball Project, to require the committee to closely coordinate with the District’s Public Relations Manager, and to receive recognition as a donor on a plaque. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Robison, Rowe, Soneson, and Wells. Those voting no were: Jasnoch, R. Olson and Shepherd. Absent was: Boyle. The motion was declared carried.

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: None:

PROGRESS PAYMENT ESTIMATE NO. 9 (FINAL), BSB CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR ELWOOD DAM SEEPAGE MITIGATION PROJECT (\$445,095.08): Scott Dicke stated the District will withhold a retainer fee of approximately \$15,000 for the duration of the 2-year warranty and for purposes of document finalization. Staff recommended final payment on the contract in the amount of \$445,095.08.

It was moved by Director Jasnoch and seconded by Director Rowe to approve Progress Payment Estimate No. 9 (Final) with BSB Construction, Inc. for the Elwood Dam Seepage Mitigation Project in the amount of \$445,095.08. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: Boyle. The motion was declared carried.

PHELPS 9.7 REPAIR: Scott Dicke displayed photos of the Phelps 9.7 siphon approach where a portion of the concrete apron has collapsed. Additional voids totaling approximately 154 cubic yards in the earth under approximately 200’ of that section of canal have been identified. Options to repair the concrete using an injectable foam product to fill the voids and to replace the large area of concrete were presented, with cost estimates ranging between \$100,000 and \$250,000. Staff will continue researching the best and quickest method to repair the area to ensure continued reliable operation for irrigation deliveries and excess flow diversion for recharge, if available. Staff sought approval of Revision #9 to the 2025 Budget as follows:

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>HYDRO IRRIGATION DIVISION O & M</u>			
Phelps 9.7 Repair	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
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It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Jasnoch to approve Amendment #9 to the 2025 Budget for the Phelps 9.7 Repair in the amount of \$250,000.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: Boyle. The motion was declared carried.

WATER RATE FOR COOLING OR OTHER POWER PURPOSES: Devin Brundage reminded the directors that the water service rate for cooling or other power purposes is to be reviewed annually pursuant to the policy established by the Board on October 4, 2021. Staff recommended no change to the water service rate for cooling or other power purposes for 2026. No board action is required unless changes are desired.

JEO CONTRACT AMENDMENT (NO COST) FOR E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: **It was moved by Director Jasnoch and seconded by Director Knoerzer to authorize the General Manager to execute the No Cost Contract Amendment with JEO for the E-65 Siphon Project. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: Boyle. The motion was declared carried.**

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden had nothing new to report on the state level. Brundage, Drain and Linden continue to work closely with lobbyists on the federal level to support passing tax credit legislation to help fund repairs to Kingsley Dam.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. 2025 Nebraska Wind & Solar Conference, October 20-22, 2025, Lincoln, NE
- b. NSIA/NWRA Joint Convention, November 24-25, 2025, Younes Conference Center South, Kearney, NE

PERSONNEL: None.

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS: Director Jasnoch received several calls of concern from Lake McConaughy lessees regarding the increased lease renewal and transfer fees approved by the Board on August 4, 2025. He asked staff to continue efforts to provide education to the lessees about the policies and fees, and justification for the increase. Director Robison inquired if the Land Administration policies approved by the Board on August 4, 2025 (LA-03, LA-09, LA-12, & LA-13) were properly identified on the meeting agenda. Charles Brewster stated the agenda for the August 4, 2025 Regular Business Meeting was concise, and each policy was clearly identified on the Consent Agenda. Director David Nelson inquired about the District's plans to sell or develop any of the excess lands purchased in recent years. Michael Drain responded that the Land and Recreation Committee is actively working on identifying lands suitable for sale or development, but he would recommend waiting for FERC to approve the new boundary application before making any decisions. President Shepherd received a call from Senator Fischer's staff asking questions about FERC licensing reform.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster finished working with Scott Dicke on the RFPs for the E-65 Siphon Project.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Mike Drain reported on the upcoming Emergency Action Plan (EAP) functional exercise for Kingsley Dam. FERC approved the proposed Board of Consultants for the Kingsley Dam Refacing Project as follows: John France, David Kriebel and Tom Riley. A structural engineer might be added to the Board of Consultants, if necessary. He attended the ASDSO

conference in Cleveland, OH last week and will attend Clean Currents in Pittsburg, PA next week with Kyle Shepherd, Anton Hassebrook and McKinley Harm.

- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,223.9, 757,700 acre-feet and 43.5% capacity. Releases from Lake McConaughy are being made to meet FERC minimum diversion requirements of 900 cfs at the District’s Diversion Dam. Hydrocycling will occur from October 17-November 10 and cause elevation fluctuations of up to 2’ at Johnson Lake. Johnson Lake is currently at normal elevations.
- c. Cory Steinke reported on the completion of the Medo’s boat ramp and progress on the Phillips Canyon Lake boat ramp. Following a regular bridge inspection, Tyler Thulin closed a bridge downstream of the Jeffrey Return due to failing pilings. Steinke will meet with Lincoln County to discuss options to close or repair the bridge.
- d. Scott Dicke mailed the E-65 Siphon Project RFPs to selected contractors last week. The Water Leasing Program was not renewed by PRRIP for 2026. Funds for the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart grant have been frozen by the federal government due to the shutdown.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens continues working on the 2026 budget and employee benefit renewals.
- f. Alex Linden reported on his upcoming participation in a local career day for 10th graders and reminded the directors that October is Public Power Month.
- g. Eric Hixson discussed an upcoming outage at Jeffrey to replace the 115 KV bus potential transformers.
- h. Devin Brundage attended an Energy Summit at LES in Lincoln, the Nebraska Association of Resource Districts (NARD) conference, a Water Quality and Quantity Task Force (WQQTF) meeting, and a canal/solar feasibility discussion at the Department of Water, Energy and Environment (DWEE) last week. The engineering firm, Olsson, is conducting a water study for the proposed aviation fuel plant in Holdrege and will provide the District a copy of that report.

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

A break was taken at 10:23 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:38 a.m.

2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP: Rochelle Jurgens and each manager presented highlights from the budget, focusing on the O & M within each division and large capital projects for 2026.

Director David Nelson left the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director R. Olson and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to adjourn this meeting at 11:50 a.m. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, Dudley Nelson, R. Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: Boyle and David Nelson. The motion was declared carried.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Tim Boyle, Secretary

By _____
Kyle Shepherd, President