

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA

MARCH 2, 2026 – 9:00 A.M.

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MINUTES OF WORKING MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA  
FEBRUARY 20, 2026 – 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 February 16, 2026, and through legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on February 12, 2026, and the Kearney Hub, North Platte Telegraph, and Lexington Clipper-Herald on February 14, 2026 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 February 5, 2026.

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	Matt Wells
Dudley L. Nelson, Treasurer	David G. Nelson	

The following Director was absent: David L. Rowe

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Steve Osterbuhr, Irrigation Superintendent
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Dusty Way, Irrigation Ops Super.
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Haley Magnuson, Purchasing Agent (via Zoom)
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops Mgr.	Katlyn Cavanaugh, Safety Director
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Alex Linden, Gov't and Public Relations Mgr.	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others:

Reed McClymont	Cathy Arterburn (via Zoom)
Carson Messersmith	Curtis Scheele, NRCS

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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: None.

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT SUMMARY: The following Permits to Construct were approved in February, 2026:

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager or Designee 2/20/2026				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
1.	C & C Land & Cattle LTD	SW1/4 28-8-19	Bury an electric line in 1.5" conduit a minimum of 5 feet under the Phelps canal at approximately 11.9.	02/02/2025
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 2/20/2026 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
2.	Marshall, Bonnie	14 Mallard Beach	Permit to Operate – Vacation Rental	01/18/2026 \$1000.00
3.	North Point		VEG - Tree removal	01/20/2026
4.	Northeast Cove Area Association		VEG - Tree removal	01/20/2026
5.	Frerichs, Joan	134 Mallard Beach Dr. 22A	SWAF - Install 5'W x 11'L Jet Ski Lift	01/23/2026 \$50.00
6.	Fagot, David & Margaret	21 Perch Bay Dr. 6	SWAF - Install 4'W x 3'L Dock Anchor Pad	01/23/2026 \$50.00
7.	Moseley, James & Theresa	40 Park Lane Dr. 28	Permit to Operate – Vacation Rental	11/11/2025 \$1000.00
8.	East Shore Area Association		VEG- Tree Removal	60/23/2002
9.	Kirby Point Area Association		VEG- Tree removal	01/20/2026
10.	Sandy Point Area Association		VEG – Tree Removal	02/03/2026
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 2/20/2026 – Plum Creek				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit &amp; Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved &amp; Fee</u>
11.	Schwartz, Adam	6 Plum Paradise	ECS - On grade Rip Rap 5'W x 65'L along the shoreline	01/07/2026

**WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS:** Dusty Way presented the following:

<u>System</u>	<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Legal Desc.</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Contr. Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres Chg'd</u>
<b><u>Water Service Agreements:</u></b>					
Phelps	6172905	SW1/4 29-6-17	D&B Wohlgemuth Farms, LLC	0	-130
	(7)	*10 Year Termination			
E65	8201907	S1/2NE1/4 and SE1/4 19-8-20	Peterson, Rocky & Deanne	205	205
	(1)	*Combined accounts 8201905 and 8201904			

- (1) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2026 irrigation season accompanies new WSA.
- (2) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2026 irrigation season to accompany existing WSA.
- (3) Water Service Agreement terminated after 2025, 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 2025.
- (6) Water Service Agreement activation date being when CWS permit is issued by the NeDNR.
- (7) 10 Year Termination - Last Irrigation Season 2035.

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Scott Dicke presented Revision #3 to the 2026 Budget as follows:

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>HYDRO IRRIGATION DIVISION</u>			
Root Bucket w/ Grapple	\$8,000	\$28,000	\$20,000

USED CAT EXCAVATOR AND THUMB: Cory Steinke presented photos of the CAT excavator he would like the District to purchase from Darr Grain/David L. Rowe. Charles Brewster noted the reference on the agenda stating the purchase agreement and bill of sale are available for public inspection, if requested. Brewster stated Director Rowe will abstain from voting on this topic at the March 2, 2026 Regular Business Meeting. Steinke presented the following:

- a. Work Order No. 107533-2026 – Used CAT Excavator and Thumb w/ 10,000 hrs (\$130,000.00)
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 37808 – Purchase Used CAT Excavator and Thumb from David L. Rowe, d/b/a Darr Grain, Inc.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (26B04) – DYMAX GRAPPLE BUCKET: Cory Steinke presented the proposals received NMC CAT, Murphy Tractor & Equipment, and Titan Machinery. Staff will recommend board approval of the bid from NMC CAT in the amount of \$57,250 and the following:

- a. Work Order No. 107535-2026
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 38279

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (26B17) – WHEELED EXCAVATOR: Scott Dicke presented the proposals received NMC, Inc., Murphy Tractor & Equipment, and Titan Machinery. Staff will recommend board approval of the bid from NMC, Inc. in the amount of \$381,000 and the following:

- a. Purchase Requisition No. 38282

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (26B18) – HIGH TRACK DOZER: Cory Steinke presented the proposals received NMC, Inc., Roadbuilders Machinery & Supply Co., and Titan Machinery. Staff will recommend board approval of the bid from NMC, Inc. in the amount of \$629,300 and the following:

- a. Work Order No. 107536-2026
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 38283

BID TAB (GROUPS 26-02 THROUGH 26-09) – 2026 FLEET VEHICLES: Haley Magnuson and Cory Steinke presented the proposals received Bill Summers Ford, LLC, Pony Express Ford, Pony Express Chevrolet Buick, and Gene Steffy Auto Group. There was discussion about spreading the business out to more than one dealer or selecting one dealer to supply all the necessary vehicles. Staff recommended board approval of the low bids from Bill Summers Ford for a Nissan Pathfinder, and Gene Steffy Auto Group for two Dodge Rams. All other fleet trucks would be purchased from Pony Express Chevrolet Buick who provided the lowest bid on the Chevy trucks.

A break was taken at 10:05 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

BID TAB – JOHNSON LAKE DRY LAND 5-YEAR AGRICULTURAL LEASE: Devin Brundage presented bids from Jameson Bartruff, Bill Rosenau and Blake Gengenbach. Staff will recommend board approval of the high bid from Blake Gengenbach in the amount of \$25,591.

BID TAB (GROUP 26-10) – ROOF AND DRAFT TUBE PAINTING AT KINGSLEY: Eric Hixson stated that staff rejected the bids received as they have researched different painting methods since writing the original specifications. Staff will modify the bid specifications and re-bid the project.

CANAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS: Soctt Dicke and Safety Director, Katlyn Cavanaugh, gave a presentation on a concept to implement a prescribed burn plan test site to rid the canals of corn shucks prior to the irrigation season.

HIRING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/18/2026: President Shepherd reviewed the minutes of the meeting and stated the committee forwarded a recommendation to retain Woods Aitken to conduct an executive search to replace Devin Brundage.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/20/2026: Vice President Soneson reported the committee voted to recommend Board approval of the executive/CEO search proposal from Woods Aitken in the amount of \$80,000. Soneson also noted the committee voted to eliminate the following policies as they are no longer relevant to District operations: Clearing Account Rates adopted July 5, 1994 and Vacation and Floating Holiday Transfer Policy adopted September 18, 2006.

DISTRICT CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 6 (PER POWER REVIEW BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND CHARTER TO ADDRESS REVENUE BONDING DEFECT): Devin Brundage reminded the Directors of the error found in many irrigation districts charters by the Power Review Board when Central was pursuing the potential merger with Dawson Public Power District. Section 6 of the District Charter states, "Said district shall not have power to assess or levy any taxes." Legal counsel suggests editing it to the following: "Said district shall not have power to assess or levy any taxes, nor shall it have the power to issue general obligation bonds."

IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST REPORT – CURTIS SCHEELE, NRCS: Curtis Scheele presented his annual report on 2025 activities, including: Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) contracts, Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contracts, and the results of UNL's Testing Ag Performance Solutions (TAPS) and their nitrogen testing program.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Scott Dicke reported he continues negotiations with the selected CMAR contractor, Garney, and he hopes to have a contract ready to present to the board in March.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Devin Brundage reported the engineering consultants continue to analyze the wave and wind data collected in 2025. He distributed a one-page information sheet about the project that Alex Linden created for directors to hand out to constituents. He will be in Washington, D.C. next week to meet with legislators and lobbyists about tax credits and other funding options for the dam facing repair.

SUPPLY CANAL BRIDGES: Cory Steinke had nothing new to report.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL UPDATE: Devin Brundage and Alex Linden continue their outreach and education efforts with senators and others. Brundage met with employees of the Department of Water, Environment and Energy (DWEE) last week where they shared the model that was created to demonstrate the potential flows and yields of the project. The DWEE will hold a public meeting at Lake McConaughy on March 2, 2026 and the U.S. Corps of Engineers will hold several public meetings in March in Denver, Julesburg and Kearney.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported today marks day 30 of the 60-day session. He distributed an updated Legislative Watchlist and pointed out bills he continues to follow this session.

A break for lunch was taken at 11:46 a.m. The meeting resumed at 12:00 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: President Shepherd inquired about the recent joint safety meeting with Dawson Public Power District employees. Katlyn Cavanaugh stated the event was successful and well received by all employees. Director Jasnoch reported on a recent advisory meeting he attended at Lake McConaughy regarding the potential marina plans and a tour he went on with Nate Nielsen of the Kingsley Hydro.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues working with Scott Dicke on the CMAR selection process, bridge agreements with Dawson and Gosper counties, and potential edits to the District's Charter.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Cory Steinke reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,230.3, 880,000-acre feet and 50% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 800 cfs and outflows are 549 cfs.
- b. Eric Hixson stated crews are replacing the turbine bearing oil at Kingsley hydro.
- c. Alex Linden reported this weekend is the last one for eagle viewing at the J-2 and Kingsley facilities. He presented an outline from the Nebraska Prairie Museum for the exhibit they are raising funds to create. He expects the museum board will request a monetary contribution to the project.
- d. Rochelle Jurgens has been finalizing year end reports for the auditing team that will be in the office on March 9, 2026. She has been assisting Eric Hixson with gathering data for the SPP tariff study. She announced that Meredith Pierce graduated from the Leadership Nebraska program. The Phillips Canyon Lake Boat Ramp Project will total over \$500,000, but she reminded the directors that Central's contribution is capped at \$130,000, and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will reimburse the District the remainder of the cost.
- e. Scott Dicke announced the upcoming retirement of Mark Rupe and he has begun to seek candidates to fill the Area Work Coordinator position. He hired Joshua Vap as the new Irrigation Service Specialist and Kyle Schoff as an Equipment Operator I for the Holdrege location.
- f. Dusty Way reported on the delivery of pipe for the various pipeline projects. Staff started water scheduling for the 2026 irrigation season yesterday. Irrigators should expect a call from their Irrigation Service Specialist in the coming days.
- g. Devin Brundage continues to pursue concepts to increase revenues and achieve financial security.

PERSONNEL: This was discussed in Closed Session.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: The general manager approved the following list of travel for March, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Devin Brundage	APPA	Washington, D.C.	February 23-25, 2026
Mike Drain	Water Power Week	Washington, D.C.	March 9-13, 2026
Kyle Shepherd	Water Power Week	Washington, D.C.	March 9-13, 2026

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Water Power Week – March 9-13, 2026, Washington, D.C.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Special Projects Committee – February 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., Holdrege

**At 12:33 PM it was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Jasnoch to enter Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: David L. Rowe. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Shepherd announced the reason for entering into Closed Session was for the discussion of Personnel and associated contract negotiations.**

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

**At 12:59 PM it was moved by Director David Nelson 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, Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: David L. Rowe. 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 12:59 p.m.

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The following Directors were present:

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

The following Directors were absent: Geoffrey K. Bogle and Dudley L. Nelson

Also present were the following:

Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	McKinley Harm, Civil Engineer
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Steve Osterbuhr, Irrigation Superintendent
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Chad Kolbo, Supply Canal Maint. Super.
Scott Dicke, Irrigation Division Manager	Jeremy Hendricks, Supply Canal Ops. Super.
Michael A. Drain, Natural Resource & Compliance Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others:

Carson Messersmith	Joe Bilka
	Nancy Garrelts

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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: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Eric Hixson provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed during the February 20, 2026 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 was presented:

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held February 2, 2026**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held February 20, 2026**
- **Approval of the March Disbursements:**

Hydro Division:

Check # 8901971-VOID; Check #s 76994 through 77165 & 8901971 through 8902003 (Accounts Payable) \$1,152,080.05

Payroll \$599,374.47

Kingsley Division:

Check #s 3829 through 3833 (Accounts Payable) \$5,575.75

Glendo Division:

None \$0

- **Approval of the following Water Service Agreements:**

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- (7) 10 Year Termination - Last Irrigation Season 2035.

- **Approval of Revision #3 to the 2026 Budget as follows:**

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b><u>HYDRO IRRIGATION DIVISION</u></b>			
Root Bucket w/ Grapple	\$8,000	\$28,000	\$20,000

- **Approval of bid from Blake Gengenbach in the amount of \$25,591 for the Johnson Lake Dry Land 5-Year Agricultural Lease**
- **Approval of the Executive/CEO Search Proposal from Woods Aitken in the amount of \$80,000.00 and approval of the agreement with Woods Aitken to conduct the same, subject to final legal review**
- **Approval to eliminate the following policies (as they are no longer relevant to District operations):**
  - Clearing Account Rates (adopted July 5, 1994)
  - Vacation and Floating Holiday Transfer Policy (adopted September 18, 2026)

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

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: None.

USED CAT EXCAVATOR AND THUMB: The following were presented:

- a. Work Order No. 107533-2026 – Used 349E CAT Excavator and Thumb w/ 10,000 hrs (\$130,000.00)
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 37808 – Purchase Used CAT Excavator and Thumb from David L. Rowe, d/b/a Darr Grain, Inc. (\$130,000.00)

Charles Brewster noted that the Purchase Agreement and Bill of Sale were available for inspection at District Headquarters.

**It was moved by Director Jasnoch and seconded by Director Knoerzer to approve Work Order No. 107533-2026 and Purchase Requisition No. 37808 for the purchase of a Used CAT Excavator and Thumb from David L. Rowe d/b/a Darr Grain, Inc. in the amount of \$130,000.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Rowe abstained. Absent were: Bogle and Dudley Nelson. The motion was declared carried.**

DYMAX GRAPPLE BUCKET: The following were presented:

- a. Proposals (26B04)
- b. Work Order No. 107535-2026 (\$63,100.00)
- c. Purchase Requisition No. 38279 – NMC Exchange, LLC (\$57,250.00)

**It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Boyle to accept the proposal from NMC Exchange, LLC for the Dymax Grapple Bucket in the amount of \$57,250.00, and approval of Work Order No. 107535-2026 in the amount of \$63,100.00 and Purchase Requisition No. 38279 in the amount of \$57,250.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: Bogle and Dudley Nelson. The motion was declared carried.**

WHEELED EXCAVATOR: The following were presented:

- a. Proposals (26B17)
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 38282 – NMC Exchange, LLC (\$381,000.00)

**It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Boyle to accept the proposal from NMC Exchange, LLC for the 2026 CAT M320 Wheeled Excavator in the amount of \$381,000.00, and approval of Purchase Requisition No. 38282 in the amount of \$381,000.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Robison voted no. Absent were: Bogle and Dudley Nelson. The motion was declared carried.**

HIGH TRACK DOZER: The following were presented:

- a. Proposals (26B18)
- b. Work Order No. 107536-2026 (\$555,000.00)
- c. Purchase Requisition No. 38283 – NMC Exchange, LLC (\$629,300.00)

**It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Jasnoch to accept the proposal from NMC Exchange, LLC for the 2026 CAT D6 XE High Track Crawler Dozer in the amount of \$629,300.00, and approval of Work Order No. 107536-2026 in the amount of \$555,000.00 and Purchase Requisition No. 38283 in the amount of \$629,300.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Robison voted no. Absent were: Bogle and Dudley Nelson. The motion was declared carried.**

BID TAB (GROUPS 26-02 through 26-09) – 2026 FLEET VEHICLES: Staff recommended awarding each bid group to the lowest bidder and approving Contract Change Order No. 1 for Bid Groups 26-06 and 27-07 in the combined amount of \$4,344.00 to include the pickup boxes and sensors.

It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Knoerzer to accept the following bids for the 2026 Fleet Vehicles:

- **Group 26-02 – Pony Express Chevrolet Buick for four (4) Chevy K15 Crew Cab Pickups in the amount of \$188,920.00**
- **Group 26-03 – Gene Steffy Auto Group for one (1) Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman Crew Pickup in the amount of \$49,682.00**
- **Group 26-04 – N/A**
- **Group 26-05 – Bill Summers Ford, LLC for one (1) Nissan Pathfinder in the amount of \$36,594.00**
- **Group 26-06 – Pony Express Chevrolet Buick for one (1) Chevy K35 Extended Cab Dually in the amount of \$49,836.00**
- **Group 26-07 – Pony Express Chevrolet Buick for one (1) Chevy K35 Extended Cab in the amount of \$54,495.00**
- **Group 26-08 – Gene Steffy Auto Group for one (1) Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman Crew Pickup in the amount of \$49,413.00**
- **Group 26-09 – Gene Steffy Auto Group for one (1) Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman Crew Pickup in the amount of \$49,779.00**

and approval of Contract Change Order No. 1 for Bid Groups 26-06 and 26-07 in the amount of \$4,344.00 to include the pickup boxes and sensors. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: Bogle and Dudley Nelson. The motion was declared carried.

LEGISLATION: No report was provided due to the absences of Devin Brundage and Alex Linden.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. Water Power Week – March 9-13, 2026, Washington, D.C.

PERSONNEL: None.

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS: Director David Nelson commented that the sale of used District pickups once the new ones arrive will help offset the overall cost. Director Rowe was in Wyoming last week and reported on the low amount of snowfall in the mountains.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues working with staff on the CMAR contract and easements for the E-65 Siphon Project.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Mike Drain reported on his and Devin Brundage's attendance at the NHA conference in Las Vegas a couple weeks ago. Brundage met with many members of leadership in the Senate and House in D.C. last week about potential tax credit legislation.
- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,230.6, 890,000 acre-feet and 51% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 870 cfs and outflows are around 400 cfs. Snowpack in the upper North Platte basin is at 52% of median average, 41% in the lower North Platte basin, and 64% in the South Platte basin.

- c. Chad Kolbo reported on bank repair and road maintenance along the Supply Canal.
- d. Jeremy Hendricks discussed efforts to prepare for dredging at the Diversion Dam.
- e. McKinley Harm gave a presentation of the highlights of her Nebraska Lead Class 43 overseas tour to Morocco, Spain and Portugal.
- f. Scott Dicke reported on irrigation scheduling, moving of chemicals, pipeline installation projects, the Central District Water Users (CDWU) meeting held on February 27, 2026, and the annual CDWU meeting scheduled for March 26, 2026 at the Rodeway Inn in Holdrege.
- g. Rochelle Jurgens is preparing the audit next week and moving funds to insure proper cash amounts are available to complete all the purchases authorized during this meeting.

**BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- a. Land and Recreation Committee – March 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., Holdrege

**ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Jasnoch and seconded by Director Boyle to adjourn this meeting at 9:55 a.m. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: Bogle and Dudley Nelson. The motion was declared carried.**

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER  
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Tim Boyle, Secretary

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kyle Shepherd, President