

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
MARCH 27, 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 March 23, 2026, and through legal publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on March 19, 2026, and the Kearney Hub, North Platte Telegraph, and Lexington Clipper-Herald on March 21, 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 March 13, 2026.

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

**arrived at 9:25 a.m.*

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The following Director was absent: Tim Boyle

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Anton Hassebrook, Hydroelectric Ops. Super.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Steve Osterbuhr, Irrigation Superintendent
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Dusty Way, Irrigation Ops Super.
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops Mgr.	Haley Magnuson, Purchasing Agent
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops Mgr.	Luke Ritz, Senior Land Administrator (via Zoom)
Mike A. Drain, Nat. Res. & Compliance Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others:

Reed McClymont	Gary Telitz (via Zoom)
Carson Messersmith	Nancy Garrelts

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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 9:02 a.m. the Board Vice President announced that the meeting was open for business and proceeded with roll call.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: One consent to assign at Johnson Lake was approved in March, 2026.

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

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager or Designee 3/27/2026				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
1.	Fishell Family Farms LLC	SE1/4 12-6-17	Bury electric line a minimum of 5 feet under the flow line of the canal at 33.5-5.0S-0.1.	03/10/2026
2.	Chaddsmill LLC	SE1/4NW1/4 & NE1/4 3-6-16	Bury 10" PVC and electric line on the south side of the canal from a pump site at 42.3 going east for approximately 360 feet to a riser can.	03/10/2026
3.	Pinpoint Communications	SW1/4 31-11-25	Install a telecommunication conduit	03/11/2026 \$3,000.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 3/27/2026 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
4.	Bass Bay Association	Bass Bay Common Area	VEG - Tree removal	02/18/2026
5.	Maxwell, Shane & Raelyn	51 Lakeview Acres Dr. 14A	SWAF - Install boat dock	02/20/2026 \$50.00
6.	Seeba, Clayton	13 Bass Bay Dr. 15	SWAF - Install 4'W x 20'L Dock, 10'W x 10'L Shorestation	02/23/2026 \$50.00
7.	Chapman, Gerald & Tjarks, Jacqueline	74 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	SWAF - Install floating dock	02/25/2026 \$50.00
8.	Anderson, Benjamin & Lowe, Nathaniel	48 Mallard Beach So Bay Dr. 21	DWEL - Remove existing cracked concrete and replace with new on grade concrete.	02/27/2026
9.	Wyse, Karianne	14 North Point Dr. 13	DWEL ATF - White pvc fence was previously constructed to replace wooden privacy fence.	03/05/2026 \$100.00
10.	Berke, Mitchell & Jacqueline	12 South Crappie Corner Dr. 3	Permit to Operate – Vacation Rental	12/04/2025 \$1000.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 3/27/2026 – Jeffrey Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
11.	Brady Bunch Lake Ventures LLC	69 S Lakeview Rd	DWEL - Install domestic water well	02/23/2026
12.	Baldrige, Judson & Denise	47 S Lakeview Rd	DWEL - Construct new addition to the southerly side and westerly lake side of the existing dwelling.	02/26/2026

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>
<u>Water Service Agreements:</u>					
Phelps	7173003	NW1/4 SE1/4 30-7-17	Black Velvet, Inc.	10	-60
	(1)(2)(3)	*Completed 10 year termination, resigned 10 acres			
Phelps	6172305	W1/2NW1/4 23-6-17	Heath and Sidney Robinson	0	-48
	(7)	*10 year termination			
Phelps	6171203	NE1/4 12-6-17	Brian and Jenice Bergstrom	28	+14
	(1)(2)	*Added 14 acres to existing water service agreement			

- (1) IPP Amendment to Water Service Agreement for the 2026 irrigation season accompanies new WSA.
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- (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.

Way also presented an Application to Close Lateral by Brian and Jenice Bergstrom at NE1/4 12-T6N-R17W in Phelps County. If approved, Central will remove the headgate, structures, pipe, and rock in the A-33.5-4.5N lateral, and the Bergstroms will assume all the expense of the lateral closure and any conveyance of water to irrigate those former acres.

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Anton Hassebrook presented Revision #4 to the 2026 Budget as follows:

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>HYDRO ELECTRIC DIVISION</u>			
Jeffrey Lodge Heat Pump	\$0	\$21,100	\$21,100

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

- a. Work Order No. 107538 – Replace Jeffrey Lodge Heat Pump (\$21,093.00)
- b. Purchase Requisition No. 38723 – Charles River Associates, Inc. for FERC Tariff Update (\$83,990.00)*

**legal details about the FERC Tariff Update were discussed in Closed Session*

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (26C05) - TRACTOR: Haley Magnuson presented the proposals received Landmark Implement, Titan Machinery and Butler Ag Equipment. Staff will recommend board approval of the bid from Landmark Implement for a 2026M180 John Deere tractor in the amount of \$183,380.81 (\$210,080.81 minus trade in value of \$26,700.00) and the following:

- a. Purchase Requisition No. 38774 – Landmark Implement (\$183,380.81)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (26C06) – MINI EXCAVATOR: Haley Magnuson presented the proposals received South Central Bobcat, NMC, Inc. and Titan Machinery. Staff will recommend board approval of the bid from South Central Bobcat for a 2026 Bobcat E55 in the amount of \$73,643.88 and the following:

- a. Purchase Requisition No. 38775 – Central Nebraska Bobcat (\$73,643.88)

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING (2/26/26): Mike Drain summarized the conversations held at the meeting on February 26, 2026 where the committee discussed the Kingsley Dam Refacing Project.

Director Robison arrived at 9:25 a.m.

WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING (3/16/26): Scott Dicke summarized the conversations held at the meeting on March 16, 2026 and noted the committee took action on the following items:

- a. Rubicon WaterSmart Grant Application Update: The committee unanimously voted to recommend Board approval of an amendment to the Rubicon WaterSmart Grant Application to segment the project into two phases, thereby reducing the overall scope of the project, beginning with the Phelps system.
- b. Bergstrom Lateral Closure Application: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of the lateral closure request by Brian Bergstrom.

President Shepherd arrived at 9:33 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING WITH TRI-BASIN NRD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (3/16/26): Devin Brundage and members of this committee summarized the discussions of the joint meeting with Tri-Basin's Executive Committee held on March 16, 2026.

HIRING COMMITTEE MEETING (3/18/26): President Shepherd summarized the meeting discussions with David Jarecke and Ellen Kreifels from Woods Aitken LLP. Jarecke will attend the April 6, 2026 Regular Business Meeting to present the process and a projected timeline to the full board.

LAND & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING (3/25/26): Mike Drain provided a summary of the discussions held at the meeting and presented the following items the committee voted to act upon:

- a. Application for Variance – 20 Mallard Cove, Johnson Lake: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of a variance for the customer of 20 Mallard Cove, Johnson Lake to replace the fence/railing on the roof of the boathouse due to the unique safety concerns of the lot and boathouse, and subject to the customer obtaining approval from the adjacent neighbors.
- b. Agricultural Leases near Jeffrey Lake and Jeffrey Island: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of new 10-year term lease agreements with Ward David and Donald Burks.
- c. Lake Improvement Fund Request by Lakeview Acres at Johnson Lake for Buoys: The committee voted to recommend Board approval of utilizing Lake Improvement Funds to purchase two new buoys for the Lakeview Acres Area Association, on the condition that the buoys become the property of Lakeview Acres through the District's Permitting Process and the future upkeep and maintenance of them shall be the responsibility of the Association.
- d. Bullhead Point Development Feasibility Proposal from JEO Consulting Group, Inc.: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of the proposal from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to perform a feasibility study of the development of lots in Bullhead Point at Johnson Lake in the amount of \$18,000.
- e. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Leases: The subcommittee voted to recommend Board approval of authorizing staff to negotiate and prepare amendments to the leases with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, subject to final legal review.

Drain also provided a presentation on the recent FERC Order approving the Project Boundary Amendment Application.

A break was taken at 10:36 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:48 a.m.

AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF DISTRICT CHARTER (PER POWER REVIEW BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND CHARTER TO ADDRESS REVENUE BONDING DEFECT): Devin Brundage presented an amended charter to edit Section 6 to state: "The District shall not have the power to levy taxes nor to issue general obligation bonds." Brundage reminded the Directors that a change to the District Charter requires a 3/5 vote in the affirmative.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Tyler Thulin reported he and Scott Dicke continue to negotiate a contract with the selected CMAR contractor, Garney, and he hopes to have a contract ready to present to the board in April.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain will begin meetings with the Board of Consultants in May. He continues working with Tom MacDougall from RJH to develop a process to fulfill FERC's reporting requirements.

SUPPLY CANAL BRIDGES: This was discussed in Closed Session.

At 11:27 AM it was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to enter Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: Boyle. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Shepherd announced the reason for entering into Closed Session was for contract negotiations and to receive legal advice regarding the Gosper County Bridge Agreement and the Southwest Power Pool Tariff Rate.

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

At 11:47 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, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: Boyle. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Shepherd stated the discussion held in Closed Session was limited to the following agenda items: Supply Canal Bridges and Purchase Requisition No. 38723 (Charles River Associates, Inc. for FERC Tariff Update).

A break for lunch was taken at 11:48 a.m.

Director Dudley Nelson exited the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

The meeting resumed in regular session at 12:03 p.m.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL UPDATE: Devin Brundage reported on the attendance by District representatives at the public meetings regarding the project held in Denver, Julesburg and Kearney by the U.S. Corps of Engineers during March, 2026.

LEGISLATION: Devin Brundage reported the legislative session will end on April 10, 2026. He discussed the bills Alex Linden and he continues to follow this session.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: President Shepherd thanked Director Knoerzer for informing the board of the Lower Republican NRD's plans for a well augmentation project in Turkey Creek. He attended the Perkins County Canal meeting in Denver, attended sessions on tax credit legislation at the recent NHA conference in Washington, D.C., and thanked the volunteer fire department employees who assisted with fire control in the past several weeks. Director Jasnoch attended the Perkins County Canal meeting in Julesburg, CO recently which was well attended.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster continues working with Scott Dicke on the CMAR contract for the E-65 Siphon Project, and with Cory Steinke regarding bridge agreements with Dawson and Gosper counties.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Scott Dicke provided information about Watershed Protection and Management in the lower end of Turkey Creek which would include the installation of 10 wells for groundwater augmentation. The Central District Water Users Annual Meeting was held yesterday at the Rodeway Inn in Holdrege. The appropriation request for the Platte to Republican High Flow Diversion Project application has been suspended at the request of the PRD for 3 years.
- b. Cory Steinke reported on repairs to the dredge and a possible real estate issue near the Diversion Dam.
- c. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,231.2, 900,200-acre feet and 51.6% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 750 cfs and outflows are 630 cfs. Hydrocycling will continue through April 30, 2026 causing fluctuations in Johnson Lake. Snowpack in the upper North Platte basin is at 54% of median average, 28% in the lower North Platte basin, and 52% in the South Platte basin.
- d. Dusty Way reported on a recharge event that occurred last weekend. The water schedule cards will be mailed to irrigators next week. Nearly three miles of pipeline has been installed to repair faulty sections. The E-65 headgate will open and pump into Elwood Reservoir beginning March 31, 2025. Water should begin to fill the Phelps Canal by April 15, 2026. He announced the upcoming retirement of Mark Rupe and that Justin Warning has been selected to replace him as a Work Coordinator.
- e. Anton Hassebrook will have contractor bids for the Jeffrey T3 Substation by April 9, 2026.
- f. Haley Magnuson will be deployed next week. She displayed a list of capital items the District has purchased and will need to purchase over the coming year.
- g. Rochelle Jurgens continues working with the auditor to complete the 2025 audit. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will be invoiced soon for their share of the cost of the Phillips Canyon Lake boat ramp project.
- h. Mike Drain attended the NHA conference in Washington, D.C. with President Shepherd. He participated in a phone meeting of the Lake McConaughy Stakeholders group. He has otherwise been busy with a variety of FERC reports.
- i. Eric Hixson reported on the crew's work replacing the type of turbine bearing oil at Kingsley hydro to improve cold weather performance.
- j. Devin Brundage will have the Governor's Water Quality and Quantity Task Force report posted to the board website. He attended the Platte Program's quarterly meeting where he presented on the Kingsley Dam Refacing Project.
- k. President Shepherd thanked Devin Brundage for presenting at the recent Water Leaders Academy meeting in Kearney.

PERSONNEL: None.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mike Rickett	UTC Region 6 Meeting	Overland Park, KS	March 24-26, 2026
Don Kraus	NWRA	Washington, D.C.	April 27-29, 2026
Devin Brundage	NRECA	Washington, D.C.	April 26-29, 2026
Anton Hassebrook	NHA / MHUG Spring Conf	Green Bay, WI	April 27-29, 2026
Mike Drain	NHA / MHUG Spring Conf	Green Bay, WI	April 27-29, 2026

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES: None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 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 (via Zoom)	Gary Robison
Tim Boyle, Secretary	Bryant Knoerzer	David L. Rowe
Dudley L. Nelson, Treasurer	David G. Nelson*	Matt Wells

**exited the meeting at 11:35 a.m.*

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Alex Linden, Gov't & Public Relations Manager
Eric R. Hixson, Electrical Project Ops. Mgr.	Meredith Pierce, Assistant Controller
Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Luke Ritz, Sr. Land Administrator (via Zoom)
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	Reed McClymont
Dave Jarecke, Woods Aitken LLP	Nick Simonson, Lower Republican NRD
Cathy Arterburn (via Zoom)	Spencer Lowe, Sahling Kenworth

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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: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed during the March 27, 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. Shepherd asked to remove the following two items:

- **Approval of Application to Close Lateral by Brian and Jenice Bergstrom at the NE1/4 of 12-T6N-R17W in Phelps County**
- **Approval of the use of Lake Improvement Funds to purchase two new buoys for the Lakeview Acres Area Association at Johnson Lake, on the condition that the buoys become the property of Lakeview Acres through the District’s Permitting Process and the future upkeep and maintenance of the buoys shall be the responsibility of the Association**

The modified Consent Agenda was presented for approval:

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held March 2, 2026**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held March 27, 2026**
- **Approval of the April Disbursements:**

Hydro Division:

Check #s 77166 through 77730 & 8902004 through 8902039 (Accounts Payable) \$1,868,057.62

Payroll \$602,648.18

Kingsley Division:

Check #s 3834 through 3850 (Accounts Payable) \$801,838.88

Glendo Division:

Check # 1127 \$2,579.13

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

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

➤ **Approval of Revision #4 to the 2026 Budget as follows:**

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>HYDRO ELECTRIC DIVISION</u>			
Jeffrey Lodge Heat Pump	\$0	\$21,100	\$21,100

- **Approval of Work Order No. 107538 – Replace Jeffrey Lodge Heat Pump (\$21,093.00)**
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- **Approval of Proposal 26C05 from Landmark Implement for a 2026 6M180 John Deere Tractor in the amount of \$183,380.81 (\$210,080.81 minus trade-in value of \$26,700.00)**
- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 38774 – Landmark Implement (\$183,380.81)**
- **Approval of Proposal 26C06 from Central Nebraska Bobcat for a 2026 Bobcat E55 in the amount of \$73,643.88**
- **Approval of Purchase Requisition No. 38775 – Central Nebraska Bobcat (\$73,643.88)**
- **Approval of Application for Variance by 20 Mallard Cove, Johnson Lake to replace the fence/railing on the roof of the boathouse due to the unique safety concerns of the lot and boathouse, and subject to the customer obtaining approval from the adjacent neighbors**

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, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. The motion was declared carried.

APPLICATION TO CLOSE LATERAL BY BRIAN AND JENICE BERGSTROM IN THE NE1/4 OF 12-T6N-R17W IN PHELPS COUNTY: It was moved by Director David Nelson and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve the Application to Close Lateral by Brian and Jenice Bergstrom in the NE1/4 of 12-T6N-R17W of Phelps County. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. The motion was declared carried.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR TWO NEW BUOYS FOR THE LAKEVIEW ACRES AREA ASSOCIATION: It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Boyle to approve the use of Lake Improvement Funds to purchase two new buoys for the Lakeview Acres Area Association at Johnson Lake, on the condition that buoys become the property of Lakeview Acres through the District’s Permitting Process and the future upkeep and maintenance of the buoys shall be the responsibility of the Association. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Soneson, and Wells. Shepherd voted no. The motion was declared carried.

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Staff presented two revisions (Revision #5) to the 2026 Budget as follows:

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>HYDRO IRRIGATION DIVISION</u>			
Rubicon Lateral Automation	\$3,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$2,000,000

It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director Boyle to approve the 2026 Budget Amendment in the Hydro Irrigation Division for the Rubicon Lateral Automation in the Net Difference of \$2,000,000. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Bogle voted no. The motion was declared carried.

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>KINGSLEY DIVISION</u>			
Thrust Oil Coolers	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$10,000

It was moved by Director David Nelson and seconded by Director Soneson to approve the 2026 Budget Amendment in the Kingsley Division for the Thrust Oil Coolers in the Net Difference of \$10,000. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. The motion was declared carried.

RUBICON WATERSMART GRANT APPLICATION: It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director Boyle to approve an amendment to the Rubicon WaterSmart Grant Application to modify the scope by segmenting the project into two phases, beginning with the Phelps system, and committing to secure up to \$5,000,000 in matching grant funds, if awarded. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Bogle voted no. The motion was declared carried.

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

- a. Purchase Requisition No. 33563 – Sorensen Group, Inc. for Phillips Boat Ramp Concrete (\$129,525.00)
- b. Work Order No. 2107195 – Thrust Oil Coolers for Kingsley (\$69,475.00)

It was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Boyle to approve Purchase Requisition No. 33563 for the Phillips Boat Ramp Concrete in the amount of \$129,525.00 and Work Order No. 2107195 for the Thrust Oil Coolers at Kingsley in the amount of \$69,475.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Robison voted no. The motion was declared carried.

PROPOSAL TAB 26C30 – SEMI-TRACTOR WITH DAY CAB: Scott Dicke presented proposals from Sahling Kenworth, Floyds Truck Center, RDO Truck Centers, and Hansen International. Staff recommending accepting the proposal from Sahling Kenworth for a 2027 Kenworth T880 Heavy Haul in the amount of \$185,300.00 and approval of Purchase Requisition No. 38778 in the same amount.

It was moved by Director Boyle and seconded by Director Soneson to accept the proposal from Sahling Kenworth for a 2027 Kenworth T880 Heavy Haul in the amount of \$185,300.00 and approval of Purchase Requisition No. 38778 in the same amount. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Robison voted no. The motion was declared carried.

PROPOSAL TAB 26C31 – 55-TON LOWBOY TRAILER: Scott Dicke presented proposals from Jim Hawk Truck Trailers and Diamond T Truck & Trailers. Staff recommending accepting the proposal from Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, Inc. for a 2027 Alpha 55-Ton Lowboy Trailer in the amount of \$124,624.00 and approval of Purchase Requisition No. 38779 in the same amount.

It was moved by Director Jasnoch and seconded by Director Soneson to accept the proposal from Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, Inc. for a 2027 Alpha 55-Ton Lowboy Trailer in the amount of \$124,624.00 and approval of Purchase Requisition No. 38779 in the same amount. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Robison voted no. The motion was declared carried.

PROPOSAL TAB 26D01 – 1-TON SINGLE AXLE PICKUP: Scott Dicke presented proposals from Courtesy Ford of Norfolk, Janssen & Son's Ford, Bill Summers Ford, Long McArthur Ford, Hastings Ford, and Pony Express Ford. Staff recommending accepting the proposal from Janssen & Son's Ford for a 2026 Ford F-350 Supercab 4x4 in the amount of \$55,624.00 and approval of Purchase Requisition No. 38780 in the same amount.

It was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Soneson to accept the proposal from Janssen & Son's Ford for a 2026 Ford F-350 Supercab 4x4 in the amount of \$55,624.00 and approval of Purchase Requisition No. 38780 in the same amount. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. The motion was declared carried.

AGRICULTURAL LEASES NEAR JEFFREY LAKE AND JEFFREY ISLAND: Mike Drain presented new 10-year term leases with Ward David (5.7 acres of pasture in Lincoln County) and Donald Burks (27 acres of dryland and pasture in Gosper County). He reminded the directors that the Land and Recreation Committee voted to recommend approval of these two ag leases as presented.

It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director R. Olson to approve the Agricultural Leases with Ward David and Donald Burks for a term of 10 years as presented. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Bogle voted no. The motion was declared carried.

LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT (LRNRD) AUGMENTATION WELLS: Nick Simonson, Assistant Manager at the Lower Republican NRD, was present to discuss watershed operations and the plan to install another augmentation well near Turkey Creek.

A break was taken at 10:01 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:13 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SEARCH PROCESS – WOODS AITKEN LLP: Dave Jarecke presented an outline and tentative timeline of the steps his firm will take to manage the general manager screening and hiring process. He expects the job to be posted by April 27, 2026, which will be followed by the screening of qualified candidates, a series of phone interviews, and extensive in-person interviews with the top finalists in September. Jarecke projects a start date of November 1, 2026 for the successful candidate. The Hiring Committee will meet next week via Zoom to finalize the job description and job posting.

BULLHEAD POINT DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY PROPOSAL FROM JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC.: **It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director Soneson to approve the proposal from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to perform a feasibility study of the development lots within Bullhead Point at Johnson Lake in the amount of \$18,000.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Bogle voted no. The motion was declared carried.**

SUPPLY CANAL BRIDGES: An Interlocal Agreement with Gosper County for the Inlet Bridge (#C003702305P) and two additional Supply Canal Bridges (#C003733720 and #C003744110) was presented to the board.

It was moved by Director Bogle and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Gosper County for the Inlet Bridge (#C003702305P) and two additional Supply Canal Bridges (#C003733720 and #C003744110), subject to final legal review. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Rowe, Shepherd, and Soneson. Those voting no were: Robison and Wells. Olson abstained. The motion was declared carried.

MODIFICATION TO AGREEMENT WITH THE NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION (STATE RECREATION AREAS ALONG THE SUPPLY CANAL): This modification to the original agreement dated September 27, 1945 (and as amended), would encompass the new boat ramp at the Middle Phillips Canyon Lake, and revise leased areas in Midway/Schmeeckle, Gallagher Canyon, and Plum Creek Canyon.

It was moved by Director Boyle and seconded by Director Soneson to approve the Modification to Agreement with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for State Recreation Areas along the Supply Canal, subject to final legal review. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Rowe voted no. The motion was declared carried.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: All directors were present.

Director David Nelson exited the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF DISTRICT CHARTER: Brundage reported that Kurth Brashear with Rembolt Ludtke LLP is drafting a resolution to authorize the Charter amendment and restatement. The resolution and the amended/restated District Charter will be presented at a later time.

NORTH PLATTE DIVERSION DAM REAL ESTATE: This was discussed in Closed Session.

At 11:43 AM it was moved by Director Knoerzer and seconded by Director Soneson to enter Closed Session. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: David Nelson. None voted no and the motion was declared carried. President Shepherd announced the reason for entering into Closed Session was for contract negotiations and to receive legal advice regarding the North Platte Diversion Dam Real Estate.

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

At 12:12 PM 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, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: David Nelson. 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: North Platte Diversion Dam Real Estate.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden distributed an information handout from the Corps of Engineers about the Perkins County Canal. The 60-day legislative session is coming to an end this week. The biennium budget bill passed by a vote of 35-13 and reflects a \$38M deficit and \$542M in reserves. Linden provided a brief update of the bills he continues to follow.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. 2026 Water and Natural Resources Tour (Republican Basin) – June 22-24, 2026

PERSONNEL: None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS: Director Boyle observed the areas affected by wildfires on his recent trip to Wyoming.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster has been reviewing bridge agreements, following a tax sale at Johnson Lake, and working on the Diversion Dam real estate matter.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Cory Steinke provided an update on dredge repairs and asked the Power and Facilities Committee to meet soon to discuss more timber bridges along the Supply Canal.
- b. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,231.0, 900,000 acre-feet and 51.4% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 600 cfs and outflows are around 675 cfs. Snowpack in the upper basin has mostly melted. Hydrocycling is planned to continue through April 30, 2026.
- c. Scott Dicke stated the E65 headgate was opened on March 31, 2026 to begin pumping into Elwood Reservoir. He expects the Phelps headgate will open around April 13, 2026. Nearly 1,500 acre-feet of excess flows for recharge were diverted into Elwood Reservoir and the various Waterfowl Production Areas. He may ask for a Special Meeting to be held on April 24, 2026 to approve the CMAR contract with Garney for the E-65 Siphon Project.
- d. Meredith Pierce noted the actuary report was sent to the auditor last week as they continue working to finalize the 2025 audit.
- e. Alex Linden gave a presentation last week to the LEAD program in Kearney. He has a tour with students from UNL's water law program next week, and several other tours already scheduled for the upcoming season. He announced the details of the 2026 Water and Natural Resources Tour of the Republican Basin which will be held June 22-24, 2026.
- f. Devin Brundage updated the directors about his efforts to work with the District's lobbyist, Strategic Marketing, Inc., to suggest edits to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill at the federal level.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Hiring Committee – April 13, 2026 by Zoom (time TBD)

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Knoerzer to adjourn this meeting at 12:42 p.m.. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent was: David Nelson. The motion was declared carried.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Tim Boyle, Secretary

By _____
Kyle Shepherd, President