

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
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AUGUST 28, 2026 – 9:00 A.M

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The following Directors were present:

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

The following Directors were absent: Tom Jasnoch and Dudley L. Nelson

Also present were the following:

Devin M. Brundage, General Manager	Anton Hassebrook, Hydroelectric Ops. Super.
Rochelle A. Jurgens, Controller	Jeremy Hendricks, Supply Canal Ops. Super.
Scott Dicke, Irrigation & Water Services Mgr.	Wil Fiddelke, Electrical Engineer
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Cory A. Steinke, Hydraulic Project Ops. Mgr.	Dusty Way, Irrigation Ops. Supervisor
Alex Linden, Govt & Public Relations Mgr.	Charles Brewster, Legal Counsel
Tyler Thulin, Civil Engineer	Emily J. Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Others:

Nancy Garrelts	Reed McClymont
Frank Koehn	Cathy Arterburn (via Zoom)
Pete Haug, Ayres Associates Inc. (via Zoom)	

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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.

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH AYRES ASSOCIATES INC. FOR FERC PART 12D INSPECTION SERVICES: Pete Haug joined the meeting virtually to present the contract amendment with a cost difference of \$89,500 to allow Ayres Associates Inc. to prepare a flotation analysis of the Kingsley powerhouse, conduct a preliminary stress analysis of the 28.6-foot inside diameter tunnel walls using three-dimensional structural software, prepare a load rating for two truss bridges near the Morning

Glory spillway, and conduct a preliminary stress analysis of the spillway piers. A draft analysis of these items will be conducted and presented by October 1, 2026

It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Soneson to approve the contract amendment with Ayres Associates Inc. with a cost difference of \$89,500.00 to conduct further analyses related to the FERC Part 12D Inspection Services. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: Jasnoch and Dudley Nelson. The motion was declared carried.

DAWSON COUNTY BRIDGE AGREEMENT (INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT): Cory Steinke presented an Interlocal Agreement with Dawson County for removal of a Supply Canal Bridge located at MP 44.9 (Dawson Co. Bridge # C002401303).

It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Boyle to authorize the General Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement with Dawson County for removal of the Supply Canal bridge located at MP 44.9, subject to approval by Dawson County and pending final legal review. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Those voting no were: Bogle and Robison. Absent were: Jasnoch and Dudley Nelson. The motion was declared carried.

REAL ESTATE PURCHASE: Cory Steinke presented Work Order No. 107545 to purchase real estate near MP 44.9 in Dawson County in the amount of \$450,934.00 and a Real Estate Purchase Agreement to purchase 41346 Road 757, Cozad, Nebraska from Eric R. Ide in the amount of \$430,000.00.

It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Knoerzer to authorize the General Manager to execute the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Eric R. Ide in the amount of \$430,000.00 and Work Order No. 107545 in the amount of \$450,934.00. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Boyle, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Those voting no were: Bogle and Robison. Absent were: Jasnoch and Dudley Nelson. The motion was declared carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Bogle to adjourn this meeting at 9:33 a.m. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Absent were: Jasnoch and Dudley Nelson. The motion was declared carried.

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PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: There were five consents to assign at Johnson Lake approved during the month of August, 2026.

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

Permits to Construct Approved by General Manager or Designee 8/28/2026				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 8/28/2026 – Johnson Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
1.	Kunneemann, Kevin	160 Lakeview Acres	Permit to Construct - Install two lake buoys	07/28/2026
2.	Dillard, Bradley & Avis	1 Sandy Point Dr. 24	DWEL - Pour a new 3.5' x 17' on grade concrete pad	07/15/2026
3.	Minnick, Philip & Amy	25 Park Lane Dr. 28	DWEL - Construct a new 18' x 24' x 10' high garage	07/15/2026
4.	Squiers, Richard & Kimberley	5 Northeast Bay Dr. 4	Common Use SWAF - Install Jet-ski lift	07/15/2026 \$50.00
5.	Howell, Joshua & Jamie	15 Kirby Point Dr. 2	SWAF - Install 12 - 4'x8' dock sections	07/15/2026 \$50.00
6.	Kreycik, Paige & Jeff	132 Mallard Beach Dr. 22A	DWEL - Construct a new 2-story dwelling	07/17/2026
7.	Baldonado, Jim & Sharri	87 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 140.00 linear feet of the shoreline	07/17/2026
8.	DeLaet, Gregory & Marlene	140 Mallard Beach Dr. 23	SWAF - Install 4x8 dock sections	07/21/2026 \$50.00
9.	Baldonado, Jim & Sharri	87 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	ATF SWAF - Relocate 10x10 shore station	07/21/2026 \$200.00
10.	Moseley, James & Theresa	44 Park Lane Dr. 28	DWEL ATF - Partially pre-constructed 12'x9'1" deck/landing	07/23/2026 \$300.00
11.	Eberspacher, Darren	40 Mallard Cove Dr. 19B	DWEL - Install new egress windows and window wells	07/24/2026
12.	Beckman, Sean & Brittany	4 Perch Bay Dr. 6	SWAF - Install 10' x 14' Shore station	07/24/2026 \$50.00
13.	Robinson, Billy & Dallas	42 East Shore Dr. 1	SWAF - Install 10-4x8 dock sections	07/27/2026 No Fee Storm Damage
14.	Baldonado, Jim & Sharri	87 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	DEF - Remove excess soil for new Riprap	07/28/2026 \$50.00
15.	Byrns, Michael	2 Kirby Point Dr. 2	SWAF - Replace 12 4x8 dock sections	07/29/2026 No Fee Storm Damage
16.	HEF Cabin Trust	13 Crappie Corner Dr. 5	VEG - Tree removal	08/03/2026
17.	Kilpatrick, Kirk	97 Mallard Beach Dr. 22	VEG - Tree removal	08/03/2026
18.	Rohnert, Cheryl	2 North Cove Dr. 10	DWEL - Construct 8'7" x 10' x 8' high storage shed	08/05/2026
19.	Roth, Kenneth & Nancy	16 East Shore Dr. 1A	ECS - Bank Stabilization (Riprap) for 51.00	08/05/2026

20.	Romatzke, Dale & Linda	4 Kirby Point Dr. 2	SWAF - Replace wood dock with new aluminum Dock	08/05/2026 No Fee Storm Damage
21.	Wiltfong, David & Cindy	30 East Shore Dr. 1A	ATF SWAF - Install 6x9 jet-ski lift	08/06/2026 \$200.00
22.	Hemje, Katherine	20 East Shore Dr. 1A	ATF SWAF - Install 4X20 on- grade concrete access	08/06/2026 \$200.00
23.	Parker, Neal & Glenda	44 East Shore Dr. 1	AFF SWAF - Construction of stairs, jet-ski lift, and dock section	08/10/2026 \$200.00
24.	Kreycik, Jeff	132 Mallard Beach	VEG - Tree removal	08/11/2026
25.	Hemje, Katherine	20 East Shore Dr. 1A	DWEL ATF - Previously constructed concrete approach	08/11/2026 \$100.00
26.	Neil, Chris	133 Mallard Beach Dr. 22A	VEG - Tree removal	08/12/2026
27.	Sund, Travis	51 Mallard Beach So Bay Dr. 21	DWEL - Construct a raised door cover	08/13/2026
28.	Holbrook, Pamela	24 Park Lane Dr. 28	DWEL - Construct privacy fence	08/17/2026
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 8/28/2026 – Jeffrey Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
29.	Diamond JN Investment LLC	1 Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Install 5'x20' floating dock, 10'x10' shore station	08/13/2026 \$50.00
30.	Kentfield, Dennis & Lisa	65 S Lakeview Rd	SWAF - Install shore station	07/14/2026 \$50.00
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 8/28/2026 – Lake McConaughy				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
31.	Schow, Kyle & Cheryl	9 K-3 Rd	SWAF - Install 4'x48' dock section	07/17/2026 \$50.00
32.	McLaughlin, Richard	40 K-1 Rd	DWEL - Construct a lean-to on existing garage	08/04/2026
33.	Nelson, Kris	15 K-1 Rd	DWEL - Install holding tank	08/06/2026
Permits to Construct Approved by Land Administration Department 8/28/2026 – Midway Lake				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Permit & Purpose</u>	<u>Date Approved & Fee</u>
34.	MWRC	25 Stange Circle	DEF - Fill and grade	08/06/2026
35.	Robertson, Kent & Linda	16 Burkholder Dr	SWAF - Install 10'W x 16'L Dock	08/19/2026 \$50.00

WATER SERVICE AGREEMENTS: None.

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Anton Hassebrook presented Revision #10 to the 2026 Budget as follows:

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>HYDRO IRRIGATION DIVISION</u>			
Gate Operator & RTU (186481)	\$30,000	\$37,000	\$7,000
Gate Operator & RTU (186482)	\$30,000	\$34,400	\$4,400
RTU Replacement (186484)	\$16,000	\$18,400	\$2,400

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: Anton Hassebrook presented the following which correspond with the 2026 Budget Amendment above:

- a. Supplemental Work Order No. 186481 – Phelps 38.6-0.6-0.5-4.8-1.0 Gate Operator & RTU (\$6,967.00)
- b. Supplemental Work Order No. 186482 – Phelps 38.6-0.6-0.5-4.8-2.5 Gate Operator & RTU (\$4,447.00)
- c. Supplemental Work Order No. 186484 – E65 23.7-8.0 RTU Replacement (\$2,497.00)

FINAL PROGRESS PAYMENT ESTIMATE – CONTRACT NO. 0-741 (BID GROUPS 26-03, 26-08 & 26-09) WITH GENE STEFFY AUTO GROUP FOR 2026 FLEET VEHICLES (\$148,874.00): Staff confirmed delivery and inspection of the trucks and recommended final payment to Gene Steffy Auto Group in the amount of \$148,874.00.

EARLY ORDER PROGRAM FOR 2027 CHEMICALS: Scott Dicke presented an offer from SEPRO for its Early Order Program to purchase 2027 chemicals at a savings of approximately \$9,000.00. The chemicals will be included in the 2027 budget, and payment will be made to SEPRO upon delivery of the chemicals around February 28, 2027.

2027 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE: Devin Brundage presented a list of tentative 2026/2027 board and working meeting dates for consideration. The schedule will be presented for approval at the September 8, 2026 Regular Business Meeting.

LAND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING (8/19/26): Mike Drain provided a summary of the discussions held during the meeting and indicated formal action was taken by the committee on the following:

- a. Permitting Procedure Amendments: The committee voted unanimously to recommend Board approval of amendments to the Permitting Procedures related to Shoreline Setbacks for B and C Management Classifications and to update the Appendix A.
- b. 49 & 51 Mallard Beach Lot Extensions, Johnson Lake: The committee voted unanimously to recommend Board approval of extending Lots 49 and 51 at Mallard Beach, Johnson Lake, and to authorize staff to complete the replat and update the leases.
- c. Lincoln County Agricultural Leases: The committee voted unanimously to recommend Board approval of 10-year term agricultural lease agreements with Pamela R. Rice and Stephen L. Clymer, as presented.
- d. Flagpoles on SWAF Features: The committee voted unanimously to recommend Board approval of amending the Permitting Procedures to allow for the installation of a flagpole on SWAF features as an item or activity not requiring a permit, provided it does not create any undue visual obstruction.

WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING (8/26/26): Scott Dicke presented the 2026 Water Rights Audit report which will be placed on the Consent Agenda of the September 8, 2026 Regular Business Meeting. He then provided a summary of the discussions held during the meeting and indicated formal action was taken by the committee on the following:

- a. 2027 Irrigation Rates and Schedule and Water Conservation Operations: The committee voted unanimously to recommend Board approval of the following for the 2027 Irrigation Season:
- a full irrigation delivery for 2027 with no increase to the base rate of \$44.96 for 9"
 - no increase of \$1.57 per additional inch for up to 12"
 - an increase to \$3.14 per additional inch for irrigation deliveries above 12"
 - a maximum irrigation delivery of 18" per contract
 - a delivery schedule of June 7 – August 29, 2027

A break was taken at 10:05 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:12 a.m.

HIRING COMMITTEE UPDATE: Board President Shepherd reported the Hiring Committee will meet in Kearney on September 1, 2026 to reduce the top candidates from ten to approximately four. Once the top four candidates are identified by the committee, the resumes, interview transcripts and audio from each applicant will be forwarded to the entire board for review. A final series of interviews will occur during the week of September 21, 2026 and the committee will make a recommendation at a Special Meeting of the Board which is anticipated on September 25, 2026.

PROPOSALS FOR STRUCTURAL ANALYSES AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR SUPPLY CANAL HYDROS: Mike Drain reported on the sole response to the Request for Proposals for this project from Mead & Hunt in the amount of \$206,273.00. He recommended accepting the proposal from Mead & Hunt.

AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF DISTRICT CHARTER: Devin Brundage had nothing new to report.

E-65 SIPHON PROJECT: Scott Dicke continues working with the CMAR contractor and engineering firm to develop a dewatering plan. He may go with the contractor and consultant to Oregon to observe the fabrication of large diameter HDPE pipe.

KINGSLEY DAM REFACING PROJECT: Mike Drain had nothing new to report other than he attended a meeting of the Lake McConaughy Advisory committee this week. Brundage commented on continued efforts to offer edits to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) language and to lobby legislators to support the maintaining and enhancing hydropower tax bill.

A break for lunch was taken at 11:33 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:44 a.m.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL UPDATE: Devin Brundage reported on a tour the District and NPPD provided yesterday to staff members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported on the various gubernatorial and legislative races and the creation of two new political parties, America First Party and the Working People Party. Governor Pillen has directed all state agencies and commissions to cut their budgets by 5% to decrease the current and projected deficit. Governor Pillen also formed a task force to analyze the impacts data centers have on energy and water supplies.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: None.

LEGAL UPDATE: Charles Brewster is working on briefs in support of the District's injunction request in the Diversion Dam litigation matter to allow GRIT to continue their operations. He has otherwise been occupied with reviewing the interlocal agreement with Dawson County and the real estate purchase agreement for the Ide property.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following reports were provided:

- a. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,202.1, 400,000-acre feet and 22.9% capacity. The inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 600 cfs and outflows are 1,935 cfs. All releases from Lake McConaughy are being made solely to meet irrigation demand which will cease over the next week. He is preparing for an NPPD outage on September 21, 2026.
- b. Cory Steinke is looking to acquire a large amount of riprap to stockpile for use along the canal banks for protection. He displayed aerial photos demonstrating the dredging progress made at the Diversion Dam.
- c. Mike Drain has been busy with FERC reports and communicating with various consultants.
- d. Scott Dicke stated irrigation deliveries end on August 31, 2026 and the headgates will close on September 4, 2026. He thanked the irrigation service specialists and equipment operators for their efforts this season. He plans to have buoys installed at Elwood Reservoir to prevent boats from entering an area near the outlet where a whirlpool has formed.
- e. Rochelle Jurgens is getting ready to prepare irrigation invoices to be mailed out near the end of September. She is considering potential accounting software modifications and starting on the 2027 budget.
- f. Alex Linden reported on the ribbon cutting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the Nebraska Prairie Museum for the new Project Prairie Power exhibit. He attended the Federal Summit in Ashland and has been providing tours. Governor Pillen recently held a proclamation signing ceremony to declare August 24th as Nebraska Hydropower Day.
- g. Dusty Way stated late season irrigation deliveries will be available to customers as the canals drain.
- h. Wil Fiddelke introduced himself as the new electrical engineer in Gothenburg.
- i. Anton Hassebrook displayed before and after photos of the excavating, vegetation removal and repair work done to the J1 penstock.
- j. Devin Brundage has been focused on Central’s water supply and water conservation efforts.

PERSONNEL: None.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: The following was presented:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
McKinley Harm	ASDSO	Raleigh, NC	August 31-September 3, 2026
Dave Zorn	PRRIP Governance Committee	Sterling, CO	September 8-9, 2026
Mike Drain	PRRIP Governance Committee	Sterling, CO	September 8-9, 2026
Devin Brundage	PRRIP Governance Committee	Sterling, CO	September 8-9, 2026
Cory Steinke	PRRIP Governance Committee	Sterling, CO	September 8-9, 2026
Anton Hassebrook	NHA Clean Currents	Phoenix, AZ	September 20-25, 2026

Mike Drain	NHA Board Mtg & Clean Currents	Phoenix, AZ	September 21-25, 2026
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WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. NRD’s 2026 Annual Conference – September 27-29, 2026 in Kearney, NE
- b. 2026 Nebraska Governor’s Summit – September 28-29, 2026 in Kearney, NE
- c. 2026 Nebraska Water Conference – October 15-16, 2026 in Lincoln, NE
- d. Nebraska Wind & Solar Conference & Exhibition – October 20-21, 2026 in Lincoln, NE
- e. NWRA/NSIA Joint Convention 2026 – November 22-24, 2026 in Kearney, NE

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Hiring Committee Meeting – September 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in Kearney
- b. Hiring Committee Meeting – September 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in Kearney

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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Others present were:

Carson Messersmith	Nolan Little, Tri-Basin NRD
Reed McClymont	Nancy Garrelts
Rob Hinrichs	Todd Garrelts
Nancy Garrelts	Dave Jarecke, Woods Aitken (via Zoom)
Ellen Kreifels, Woods Aitken (via Zoom)	Tom Schwarz
Rid Kuoch, Lakefront Express	Sophie K. Cheng, Lakefront Express
Logan Reed	Dick Key
Steve Hueftle	Brett Vinzant
Kevin Campbell	Jenice Bergstrom
Brian Bergstrom	Dave Ford
Amy May	Tom May
John Dingleline	Peter Pelster
Cathy Arterburn (via Zoom)	Mike McComb (via Zoom)
Several others via Zoom	

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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: Cathy Arterburn appeared virtually and referenced an email dated September 7, 2026 sent by her husband, Joe Arterburn, to the board. She inquired about establishing a minimum pool level at Lake McConaughy and encouraged the directors to come up with ideas to conserve water in the lake. John Dingleline expressed concerns over fish kill off if the elevation at Lake McConaughy gets too low and is concerned about a full irrigation delivery in 2027. Dick Key spoke on behalf of the K areas at Lake McConaughy and encouraged the directors to consider allocating irrigators in 2027 to reduce outflows. Rid Kuoch and Kevin Campbell expressed concerns about their businesses being negatively impacted from low lake levels. Mike McComb, a resident of the K-3 area, suggested raising irrigation rates to encourage irrigators to consume less water. Tom Schwarz was present on behalf of the Central District Water Users and described the historical efforts to increase inflows to Lake McConaughy, reduce groundwater pumping, and develop water supply conservation plans.

CONSENT AGENDA: Devin Brundage provided an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda which were presented and discussed during the August 28, 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 Consent Agenda was presented for approval:

- **Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors held August 3, 2026**
- **Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Directors held August 28, 2026**
- **Approval of Minutes of Working Meeting of the Board of Directors held August 28, 2026**
- **Approval of the September Disbursements:**

<u>Hydro Division:</u>	
Check #s 77405 & 78197-VOID; 78165 through 78384 & 8902166 through 8902198 (Accounts Payable)	\$2,861,308.93
Payroll	\$648,388.04
<u>Kingsley Division:</u>	
Check #s 3882 through 3886 (Accounts Payable)	\$76,391.42
<u>Glendo Division:</u>	
NONE	\$NONE

- **Approval of Revision #10 to the 2026 Budget as follows:**

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>HYDRO IRRIGATION DIVISION</u>			
Gate Operator & RTU (186481)	\$30,000	\$37,000	\$7,000
Gate Operator & RTU (186482)	\$30,000	\$34,400	\$4,400
RTU Replacement (186484)	\$16,000	\$18,400	\$2,400
		Net Change	\$13,800

- **Approval of Supplemental Work Order No. 186481 - Phelps 38.6-0.6-0.5-4.8-1.0 Gate Operator & RTU (\$6,967.00)**
- **Approval of Supplemental Work Order No. 186482 – Phelps 38.6-0.6-0.5-4.8-2.5 Gate Operator & RTU (\$4,447.00)**
- **Approval of Supplemental Work Order No. 186484 – E65 23.7-8.0 RTU Replacement (\$2,497.00)**
- **Approval of Mead & Hunt’s proposal to conduct the Structural Analyses and Design Services for the Supply Canal Hydros in the amount of \$206,273.00**

- **Approval of Final Progress Payment – Contract No. 0-741 (Bid Groups 26-03, 26-08 & 26-09) with Gene Steffy Auto Group for the 2026 fleet vehicles in the amount of \$148,874.00**
- **Approval of 2026 Water Rights Audit Report, as presented**
- **Approval of amendments to the Permitting Procedures related to Shoreline Setbacks for B and C Management Classifications and to update the Appendix A**
- **Approval of extending Lots 49 and 51 at Mallard Beach, Johnson Lake, and authorization for staff to complete the replat and update the leases**
- **Approval of 10-year term agricultural lease agreements in Lincoln County with Pamela R. Rice and Stephen L. Clymer**
- **Approval of amendments to the Permitting Procedures to allow for the installation of a flagpole on SWAF features as an items or activity not requiring a permit, provided it does not create any undue visual obstruction**

It was moved by Director Dudley Nelson and seconded by Director Soneson 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.

STATIC WATER REPORT FROM TRI-BASIN NRD: Nolan Little, Assistant Manager from Tri-Basin, presented the groundwater level comparisons throughout the basin which show an overall decline.

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Cory Steinke presented Revision #11 to the 2026 Budget to acquire necessary riprap and limestone as follows:

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>HYDRO ELECTRIC DIVISION</u>			
Roads Bridges Crossings	\$175,000	\$50,000	(\$125,000)
Control Structures	\$140,000	\$55,000	(\$85,000)
Dredging	\$80,000	\$65,000	(\$15,000)
Hydro-Maint of Structures	190,000	\$140,000	(\$50,000)
Earth & Bank Protection	\$25,000	\$300,000	\$275,000
		Net Change	\$0

It was moved by Director Jasnoch and seconded by Director Knoerzer to approve Revision #11 to the 2026 Budget in the Net Change of \$0.00 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.

WORK ORDER/PURCHASE REQUISITION SUMMARY: Staff presented the following:

- a. Supplemental Work Order No. 186486-2026 – Phelps Canal Headgate Radial Gate Replacement (\$53,000.00)
- b. Supplemental Work Order No. 107542-2026 – Supply Canal MP 26.9 Radial Gate Replacement (\$53,000.00)
- c. Amend Purchase Requisition No. 40520 – Eilers Machine & Welding for Phelps Headgate (from \$121,052.00 to \$172,237.77)
- d. Amend Purchase Requisition No. 40521 – Eilers Machine & Welding for Supply Canal Steel Gate (from \$121,052.00 to \$172,237.77)
- e. Purchase Requisition No. 45955 – Van Diest Supply Co. for 2027 Chemicals (\$118,383.10)

It was moved by Director Boyle and seconded by Director Soneson to approve the Work Order/Purchase Requisition Summary 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.

2027 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE: The following was presented:

Working Meeting and Business Meeting dates for 2027 (and the 2026 schedule which was previously approved) are listed below. All meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Holdrege office (unless the Board authorizes an alternate location/date/time), with Regular Working and Business Meetings scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., except as otherwise noted below:

<u>Regular Working Meeting Date</u>	<u>Regular Business Meeting Date</u>
Friday, September 25, 2026	Monday, October 5, 2026
Friday, October 23, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026
Friday, November 20, 2026	Monday, December 7, 2026
Monday, December 21, 2026	Thursday, January 7, 2027
Friday, January 22, 2027	Monday, February 1, 2027
Friday, February 19, 2027	Monday, March 1, 2027
Friday, March 26, 2027	Monday, April 5, 2027
Friday, April 23, 2027	Monday, May 3, 2027
Wednesday, May 26, 2027	Monday, June 7, 2027
Friday, June 25, 2027	Tuesday, July 6, 2027
Friday, July 23, 2027	Monday, August 2, 2027
Friday, August 27, 2027	Tuesday, September 7, 2027
Friday, September 24, 2027	Monday, October 4, 2027
Friday, October 22, 2027	Monday, November 1, 2027
Friday, November 19, 2027	Monday, December 6, 2027
Tuesday, December 21, 2027	Monday, January 3, 2028

Observance of holidays by the District will be as follows:

- 2026 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2026
 Day After Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27, 2026
 Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2026
- 2027 New Year’s Day, Friday, January 1, 2027
 Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2027
 Independence Day, Monday, July 5, 2027 (observed)
 Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2027
 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, 2027
 Day After Thanksgiving, Friday, November 26, 2027
 Christmas Day, Friday, December 24, 2027 (observed)

It was moved by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Jasnoch to approve the 2027 Board Meeting Schedule 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.

WATER CONSERVATION OPERATIONS: Cory Steinke provided a presentation titled CNPPID Water Supply – Learning from Our History, Prepared for Today. It included historical inflows, elevation levels, a recap of the allocations in 2004-2005, the implementation of the Incremental Pricing Program (IPP), the development of center pivots, and estimated water savings from pivot systems. He estimated the water savings achieved from 2003-2025 through the use of pivots, subsurface drip systems, and lining the E67 canal are in the range of 480,000-555,000-acre feet, not including the 141 miles of pipeline installation. Discussions with partners (NPPD, CPNRD, FWS, PRRIP, DWEE, Glendo Canals) to develop a unified and comprehensive water conservation plan are ongoing. Steinke noted the conservation achievements made by Central and its irrigators is water you see in Lake McConaughy right now and that is a success story not to be overlooked, but rather applauded.

A break was taken at 10:38 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:51 a.m.

2027 IRRIGATION RATES AND SCHEDULE: Pursuant to the Water Service Committee's recommendation from their meeting held on August 26, 2026, the following were presented for approval:

2027 Irrigation Rates:

- No increase to the base rate of \$44.96 for 9"
- No increase of \$1.57 per additional inch for up to 12"
- An increase to \$3.14 per additional inch for irrigation deliveries above 12"

It was moved by Director Soneson and seconded by Director Knoerzer to approve the following 2027 Irrigation Rates: a base rate of \$44.96 for 9", no increase of \$1.57 per additional inch up to 12", and an increase to \$3.14 per additional inch for irrigation deliveries above 12". 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.

2027 Irrigation Schedule:

- A full irrigation delivery for 2027
- A maximum irrigation delivery cap of 18" per contract
- A delivery schedule of June 7 – August 29, 2027

It was moved by Director David Nelson and seconded by Director Dudley Nelson to approve the following 2027 Irrigation Schedule: a full irrigation delivery for 2027, a maximum irrigation delivery cap of 18" per contract, and a delivery schedule of June 7-August 29, 2026. Upon voting on the motion, the following Directors voted therefore: Bogle, Boyle, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. Those voting no were: Jasnoch and Robison. The motion was declared carried.

HIRING COMMITTEE UPDATE: The committee has narrowed the applicants to six candidates. Another round of interviews will occur on September 17, 2026, and the anticipated top four will have final interviews the week of September 21, 2026. Dave Jarecke from Woods Aitken joined the meeting virtually and explained the process for Directors to review resumes, interview transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc. for each candidate utilizing a secure Dropbox site. He expressed the critical importance of keeping the materials confidential at this time until the top four candidates are identified by the committee.

LEGISLATION: Alex Linden reported on the four candidates for governor and his meeting later today with Governor Pillen's policy staff.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

- a. NRD's 2026 Annual Conference – September 27-29, 2026 in Kearney, NE
- b. 2026 Nebraska Governor's Summit – September 28-29, 2026 in Kearney, NE
- c. 2026 Nebraska Water Conference – October 15-16, 2026 in Lincoln, NE
- d. Nebraska Wind & Solar Conference & Exhibition – October 20-21, 2026 in Lincoln, NE
- e. NWRA/NSIA Joint Convention 2026 – November 22-24, 2026 in Kearney, NE

PERSONNEL: None.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE: All Directors were present.

Board President Shepherd and Director Robison exited the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS: Director David Nelson displayed photos he recently took north of Minden of vegetation in the North Platte River. Director Jasnoch is helping to coordinate a meeting at the Lake McConaughy Visitors Center on October 19, 2026 to provide stakeholders with education about the water supply.

LEGAL UPDATE: None.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS: The following were presented:

- a. Tyler Thulin reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3,201.3, 340,000 acre-feet and 22.3% capacity. Inflows to Lake McConaughy are approximately 770 cfs and outflows are around 975 cfs. Most of the outflows are to fill NPPD's system for an outage at the Keystone Diversion Dam scheduled for September 20, 2026.
- b. Rochelle Jurgens started preparing the 2027 budget and working on retiree and employee health insurance renewals.
- c. Mike Drain reported that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seems amenable to a partial waiver of FERC wintertime releases. He received over 130 applications for the Kingsley Dam Foreman position, and he will conduct interviews in the coming weeks.
- d. Scott Dicke reported on budgeting, canal drawdowns and upcoming maintenance projects.
- e. Alex Linden encouraged everyone to visit the Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege to see their new exhibit, Project: Prairie Power. He also recommended the directors attend the NWRA/NSIA Joint Convention in November in Kearney as Devin Brundage will be one of the presenters.
- f. Devin Brundage stated meetings with the participating agencies continue regarding the Perkins County Canal Project.

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

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Director Jasnoch 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, Boyle, Jasnoch, Knoerzer, David Nelson, Dudley Nelson, Olson, Robison, Rowe, Shepherd, Soneson, and Wells. The motion was declared carried.

ATTEST:

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Tim Boyle, Secretary

By _____
Kyle Shepherd, President