>> The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District

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News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) - The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District's board of directors approved bid tabs for the purchase of several vehicles during a short monthly board meeting on Monday.

The board accepted bids submitted by Gene Steffy Chrysler of Fremont for the following vehicles:

Two Dodge %-ton 2500 pickups for \$57,678; three %-ton Dodge 1500 pickups for \$81,348; one Dodge 2500 %-ton short-box pickup for \$32,216; and one 1-ton Dodge 3500 pickup for \$40,544.

The board also approved purchase of various chemicals for vegetation control from Van Diest Supply Co., of McCook \$162,854.

The board also rejected all bids for an electric vehicle, a sport utility vehicle, a 15-passenger van and a full size sedan.

Also at Monday's board meeting:

- Civil engineer Tyler Thulin reported that Lake McConaughy was at elevation 3257.1 feet above sea level, with 1.5 million acre-feet in storage. Inflows to the lake have been around 1,200 cubic feet per second, which is near average for early February.
- Irrigation Operations Manager Dave Ford said groundwater recharge activities in the Victor Lake area (north of Bertrand) continue. Flows in the Platte River have been above targets for most of the winter, allowing diversions into the E-65 Canal for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service habitat area.
- The board was informed that General Manager Devin Brundage recently was named to the board of directors of the Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce and Industry representing District VI.

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