



News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) - As discussion continues about the potential consolidation of The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District with Dawson Public Power District, it was announced that small group public informational meetings are planned for the month of March.

Irrigation and Water Services Manager Scott Dicke told the board of directors at Monday's monthly meeting that a series of meetings for Central irrigation customers and water users are scheduled to allow interested parties to learn more about the proposal. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to call the Holdrege irrigation office to reserve a spot. Each session is limited to about ten people.

Dates and times for the upcoming meetings are:

- March 14 -- 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- March 15 -- 9 a.m.
- March 17 -- 1:30 p.m.
- March 21 -- 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

More opportunities for presentations to customers and stakeholders in the area will be provided in the future.

Also at Monday's meeting:

- The board awarded bids to Landmark Implement of Holdrege to furnish a John Deere 613SE without a loader for \$82,677.55 and a John Deere 613SE with a loader for \$92,972.
- The board approved purchase of a used CAT Loader/Backhoe from NMC of Doniphan for \$85,181.
- The board approved use of \$35,056 from the Lake Improvement Fund for concrete paving in the parking lot and within an entry road at the Nautical Rose and Lakeshore Marina at Johnson Lake. The paved area of the lot will be large enough to fit five vehicles and boat trailers.
- Natural Resources & Compliance Manager Mike Drain told the board that plans for the boat ramp and road improvements at East Phillips Lake are 90% finalized. If the agreement is approved by the Nebraska Game & Parks, it is expected that road work would be completed this summer and the ramp finished this fall for use in the spring of 2023.
- Civil engineer Tyler Thulin reported that Lake McConaughy's elevation as of Monday morning was 3242.8 feet (66 percent capacity) which is up half a foot since last month. Current inflows were about 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) with outflow around 500 cfs. He added that snowpack accumulation in the South Platte River Basin was about 101% of median and 90% in the North Platte Basin.

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